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PRECISELY WHAT I HAD IN MIND, SUPERMAN!

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ROCKETED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, THE INFANT KAL-EL FOUND HIMSELF POSSESSED WITH POWERS FAR BEYOND THOSE OF MORTAL MEN TODAY, HE FIGHTS EVIL AS...

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AN EMERALD RING TOUCHES THE AMAZING BATTERY OF POWER, AND FOR 24 HOURS, HAL JORDAN BECOMES THAT AWESOME AGENT OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE...

GREEN LANTERN

BETWEEN FRIEND and FOE!

THE SATELLITE HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, AN ORBITING MODERN-DAY CAMELOT WHERE 20TH-CENTURY KNIGHTS GROUP BEFORE THE BATTLE IS BEGUN...

I'M ALL SET, SUPERMAN. BROUGHT ALONG A COUPLE OF BOOKS, AND A VIDEOTAPE OF LAST NIGHT'S DODGERS GAME!

AND, TO THINK, ALL I DO IS SIT AROUND WATCHING THE MONITOR SCREEN!

JUST THE THINGS TO KEEP ME COMPANY WHILE ON MONITOR DUTY!

SEE YOU LATER, LANTERN, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

BELIEVE ME, PAL, I INTEND DOING JUST - THAT!

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AS SUPERMAN STREAKS OFF INTO THE VELVET DARKNESS...
GREEN LANTERN OF TERRA! HEED MY PLEA!
ARCHON Z'GMORA, THE GREEN LANTERN OF CYGNUS!
I REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE, MY BROTHER GREEN LANTERN!
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY... I MUST BE RESCUED BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
USE YOUR POWER RING! SURELY IT MUST--
MY RING IS DESTROYED ...MY POWER GONE! WERE IT NOT FOR THE NATURAL TELEPATHIC ABILITIES OF ALL CYGNIANS, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUMMON YOU!
WITH EVERY PASSING MOMENT, MY LIFE EBBS... WITH EVERY SECOND'S HESITATION, I COME CLOSER TO FINALITY!
I HAVE TO RENEW MY RING'S ENERGY!
BEING ON MONITOR DUTY, I DIDN'T THINK I'D NEED A FRESH 24-HOUR SUPPLY OF POWER!
HURRY! ALREADY THE FABRIC THAT BINDS ME DISPERSES...
FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, GREEN LANTERN STARES SILENTLY AT THE BATTERY OF POWER. THEN, HE RECITES A SOLEMN OATH...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
AND THEN...
STRANGE! ARCHON'S NEVER BEEN ALL THAT FRIENDLY WITH ME..., NOT SINCE THAT MATTER ON ALTAIR-FOUR!
SO, WHY SUMMON ME? WHY NOT ZURON OR MORCHAVIUS? THEY'RE HIS FRIENDS!
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STILL, A QUICK POWER-RING CHECK PROVES HE REALLY IS ARCHON!
WHAT IS IT, ARCHON? WHAT'S WRONG?
THE UNIVERSE HAS GONE WRONG, GREEN LANTERN OF TERRA!
COME CLOSER AND YOU SHALL SEE THE PERIL THAT HAS PERVADED THIS DIMENSION LOST IN THE TIME STREAM!
I DON'T SEE A THING! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THE BLIND NEVER SEE WHAT LOOMS BEFORE THEM. I SAID COME CLOSER-- NOW!
J... JORDAN... JORRDANNNN...
HUH? I WAS RIGHT! THIS SET-UP STINKS LIKE A THREE DAY-OLD FLOUNDER!
C'MON, ARCHON --SPILL IT BEFORE-- EH?
THAT BOOT!? ARCHON-- WHAT IN THE NAME OF OA IS GOING ON?
NOTHING IS TRANSPIRING. ALL HAS ALREADY OCCURRED!
THE TRUE CYGNIAN GREEN LANTERN HAS MUTTERED HIS LAST... HE IS NOW DEAD--
--JUST AS YOU SHALL SOON BE!
YOUR BODY-- QUIVERING... CHANGING...
GREAT GUARDIANS!!
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BEFORE GREEN LANTERN'S ASTONISHED EYES, THE CYGNIAN'S FORM EXPANDS INTO ...
WE WHO ARE CALLED N'GON HAVE SUMMONED YOU HERE!
WE HAVE NEED OF YOUR FORM AND FLESH! WE REQUIRE YOUR STRENGTH AND POWER!
WE NEED ALL THAT AND MORE... AND TO ACQUIRE WHAT IS NEEDED, YOU MUST BE DESTROYED!
I THINK YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING! AS LONG AS I WEAR MY POWER RING, I'VE GOT A CERTAIN SAY IN THESE MATTERS!
YOU HAVE NO SAY, TERRAN! N'GON DOES NOT GRANT THAT PRIVILEGE!
INDEED, ALL WE GRANT YOU IS --INSTANTANEOUS DEATH!
ARGHHHH!
THE CYGNIAN DESTROYED HIS POWER RING BEFORE WE COULD LAY CLAIM TO IT!
BUT YOU, FOOL, WERE NOT GIVEN THAT CHANCE!
YOUR WEAPON WEARS WELL UPON OUR FINGER, FORMER GREEN LANTERN!
HA! HA!
IT FITS AS IF WE WERE BORN TO IT!
HA! HA!
HA! HA!
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WE NOW STAND CLOSER TO SOLITARY EXISTENCE!
WITH YOUR POWER RING, N'GON CAN BE AS HE WAS!

TO BE ONE AGAIN... TO SOAR THROUGH THE STAR-STUDDED COSMOS AS A SINGULAR ENTITY...
THE VERY THOUGHT BEGGARS THE IMAGINATION!

"ONCE THIS ENTITY FLEW ALONE... UNTIL WE WERE CAUGHT WITHIN THE ENERGY-TENDRILS OF A GREEN-GLOWING SUN...

"AT THAT MOMENT, THAT SOUL-SHATTERING INSTANT, N'GON BECAME TWO!

"WE STOOD FACING ONE ANOTHER...
"...INSTANTLY HATING EACH OTHER'S EXISTENCE...
"...WISHING EACH OTHER INSTANTANEOUS DEATH!

"BUT, WE WERE EQUALS... COMPLETELY MATCHED IN STRENGTH--
"THUS, OUR SEPARATE SEARCHES FOR GREATER POWER TOOK US TO THE MOST DISTANT SHORES OF THE ENDLESS UNIVERSE.

"THIS ENTITY CONCEIVED A MOST CUNNING SCHEME... WE SOUGHT OUT BEINGS POSSESSING INCREDIBLE POWER...

"AND, ONE-BY-ONE, WE STOLE THAT POWER, MADE IT OURS!
"A DOZEN BEINGS PERISHED, EACH MAKING US STRONGER, EACH PREPARING THE WAY TO DESTROY THE NEXT MORE POWERFUL BEINGS!

"IT WENT THUS FOR AN AGE, UNTIL THIS ENTITY SENSED THE EXISTENCE OF AN ULTIMATE POWER!
"A FORCE SO AWESOME, THAT WITH IT WE COULD EASILY DESTROY THE HATED DOUBLE!"
"BUT, THAT FORCE WAS TOO STRONG! TO BATTLE IT, WE NEEDED TO ABSORB STILL MORE POWER ... AND SO WE FOUGHT THE GREEN LANTERN OF CYGNUS!
"BUT THE CYGNIAN KNEW HE WAS ABOUT TO TAKE HIS FINAL BREATH...
"...AND SO ORDERED HIS RING--THE SOURCE OF POWER WE DESPERATELY NEEDED--TO DESTROY ITSELF IN THE HEART OF AN EXPLODING STAR!
"STILL, WE DUPLICATED THE CYGNIAN'S FORM AND MEMORY, THEN LEARNED THROUGH HIM THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER RING-BEARERS!
"AND SO WE ATTACKED AND DEFEATED YOU...TOOK YOUR RING, DUPLICATED YOUR FORM AND MEMORIES--"
--AND NOW WE ARE PREPARED TO ATTACK AND DUPLICATE ONE FINAL BEING...
...AND HE WILL GIVE US THE POWER NECESSARY TO DESTROY MY BROTHER N'GON!
BUT FIRST, AS YOU RECITE YOUR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE, SO SHALL N'GON:
WITH POWER PRESENT IN LANTERN'S LIGHT, NO FORCE SHALL STAY MY HAND THIS NIGHT! LET THOSE WHO DO PREPARE TO FIGHT, DARE NO MAN CHALLENGE N'GON'S MIGHT!
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BUT...
HE DOESN'T KNOW...
...THAT I'M STILL ALIVE!
ALIVE, BUT NOT INSIDE THE BODY HE BLASTED!
THANK THE GUARDIANS HE DIDN'T STRIKE IMMEDIATELY!
BY THE TIME HE DID, I WAS PREPARED--
--NOT TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK...
...BUT TO SPLIT MY BODY IN TWO...ONE, MY EMPTY PHYSICAL SHELL--
--THE OTHER, MY SPIRIT/ASTRAL FORM!
SO, I'M ALIVE... BUT WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO? HE'S WEARING MY POWER RING, HE POSSESSES ALL MY MEMORIES--
--AND JUDGING FROM THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE'S ADAPTING IN USING THE RING--
SKRAG
--HE'S VIRTUALLY READY TO LAUNCH HIS FINAL ATTACK!
ONE THING IN MY FAVOR, I KNOW WHO HIS TARGET IS GOING TO BE!
WHEN HE DUPLICATED MY MEMORIES, I WAS ABLE TO TAP INTO HIS!
OH, NO! HE'S STARTING, AND I CAN'T STOP HIM...OR CAN I?
HEAVEN HELP ME, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THIS IS POSSIBLE--
--BUT, IF I CAN EXERT SOME CONTROL OVER MY RING, EVEN WHILE IN THIS ASTRAL FORM, MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, I'LL WARN HIS VICTIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

AS THE EMERALD BEAM CUTS THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL VEILS...
...WE SHIFT OUR ATTENTION TO HIGH ABOVE THE TEEMING STREETS OF METROPOLIS...
SAW THAT CONSTRUCTION WORKER PLUNGING GROUNDWARD FROM OUR SATELLITE HEADQUARTERS!
HELP! HELP ME!
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME TO GET HERE, I'VE ONLY GOT HALF A SECOND TO SAVE HIM!
AND THAT SHOULD GIVE ME PLENTY OF TIME TO SPARE!

ONE MOMENT AGO, ARCHIE JONES BREATHED A LONG SIGH OF RELIEF...

THAT MAN, FALLING--! WHAT HAPPENED TO--
WHAT IN THE WORLD? WHERE AM I?
GREEN LANTERN? HOW DID I GET HERE?
THE SAME WAY I DID, SUPERMAN! I WAS BROUGHT TO THIS TEMPORAL DIMENSION BY SOME ALIEN FORCE!
FORCE? I DON'T SEE ANY--
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IT'S HERE ALL RIGHT-- AND IT'S ALREADY KILLED ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE LANTERN CORPS!
NOW IT'S AFTER YOU!
ME? WHY ME?
IT'S NO GOOD! SUPERMAN'S FALLING FOR IT... HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT GREEN LANTERN'S A PHONY RIGHT DOWN TO HIS IMITATION BOOTS!
HE'S GOT TO BE WARNED...
...AND SINCE I'M HELPLESS HANGING HERE IN MY ASTRAL FORM...
WHEW! I DID IT! MY EMPTY BODY WAS JUST WAITING FOR ME TO TAKE IT OVER AGAIN!
I STILL DON'T FOLLOW YOU! IF THIS FORCE KILLED ANOTHER GREEN LANTERN, WHY DID IT LET YOU ESCAPE--
--AND WHY IS IT AFTER ME?
I... DIDN'T ESCAPE... I JUST EVADED ITS FIRST ATTACK...
...THEN TEMPORARILY TRAPPED IT WITH MY RING!
PLEASE, SUPERMAN-- COME CLOSER... AND YOU CAN SEE THE PERIL THAT HAS OVERTAKEN THIS MAD DIMENSION!
I... I DON'T KNOW. EVER SINCE I WAS BROUGHT HERE, I'VE FELT QUEASY... AS IF SOMETHING WERE WRONG...
SUPERMAN! GUARD YOURSELF!!
WHAT? WHO--?
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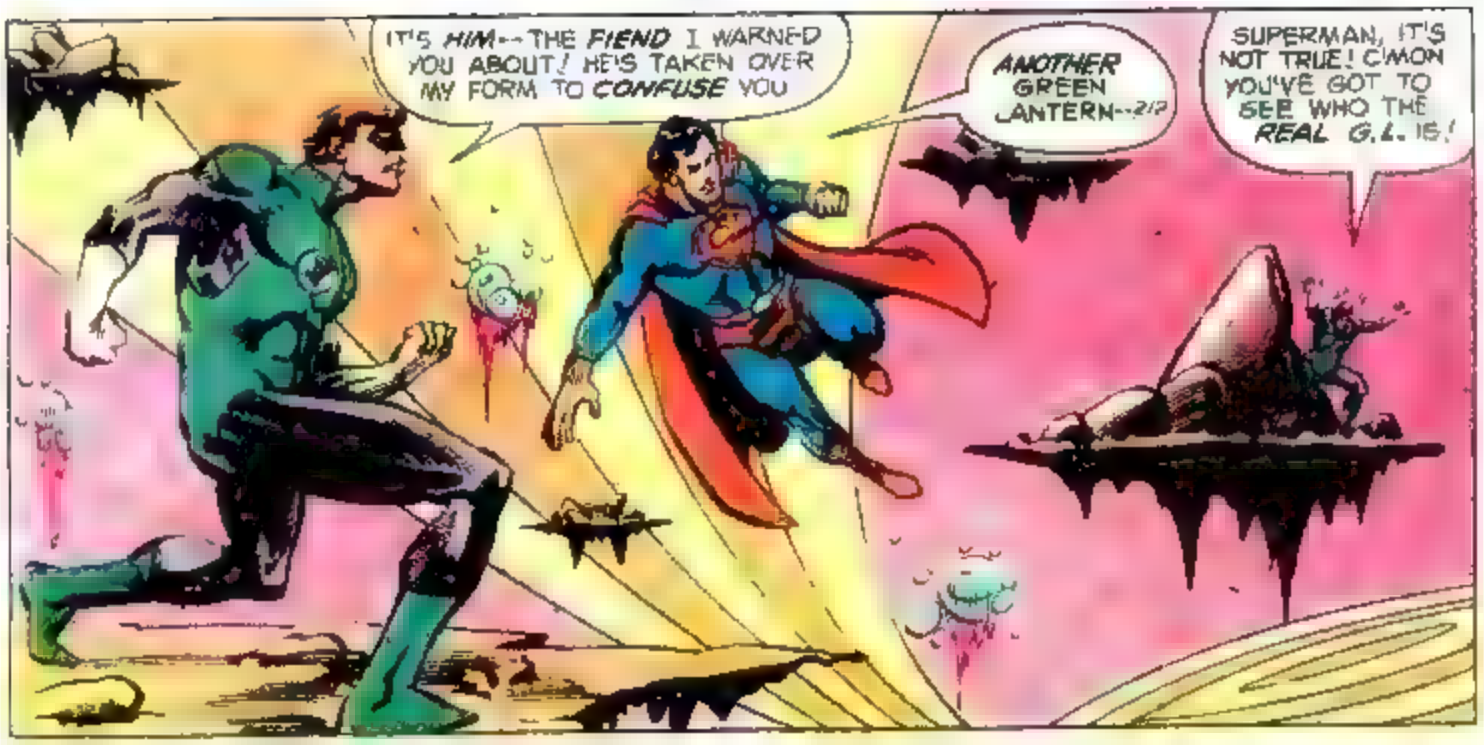
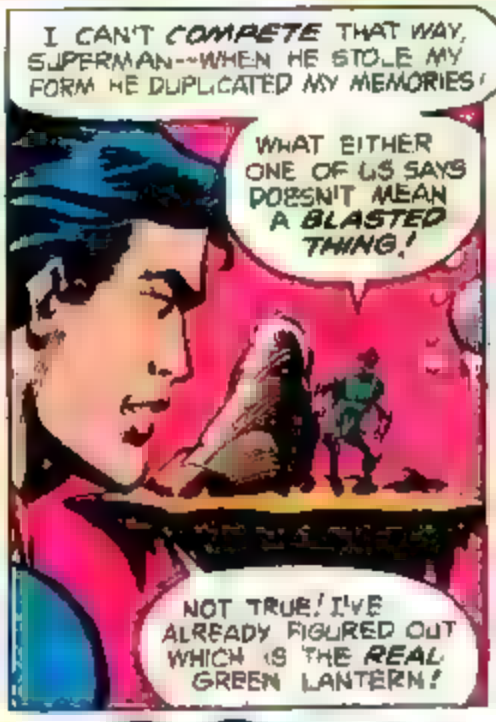
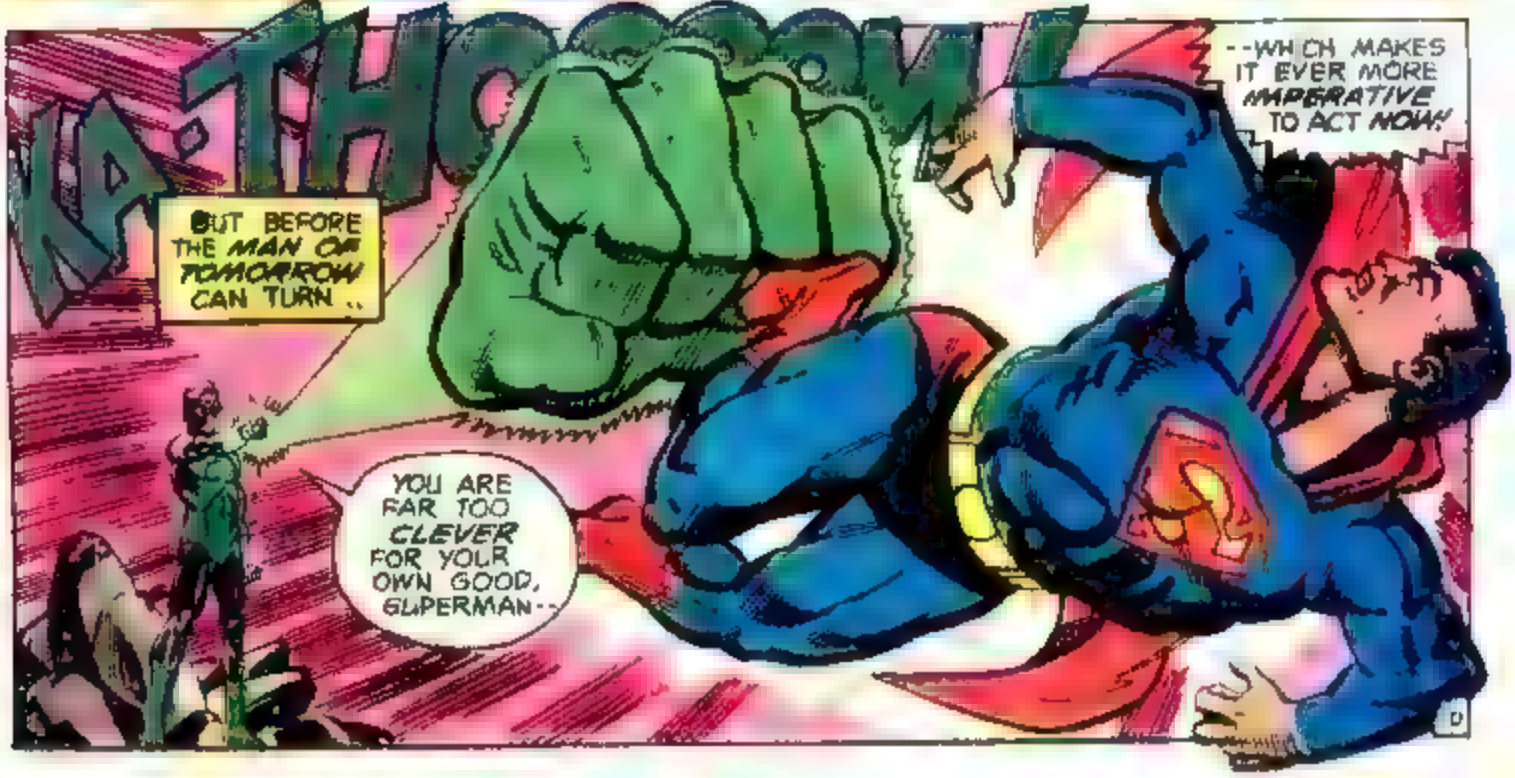

IT'S HIM--THE FIEND I WARNED YOU ABOUT! HE'S TAKEN OVER MY FORM TO CONFUSE YOU
ANOTHER GREEN LANTERN--?!?
SUPERMAN, IT'S NOT TRUE! C'MON YOU'VE GOT TO SEE WHO THE REAL G.L. IS!

OF COURSE HE DOES, FOOL! HE KNOWS WHO I AM -- GREEN LANTERN, IN REALITY HAL JORDAN! HE REMEMBERS BEING ME IN THE J.L.A. SATELLITE...


I CAN'T COMPETE THAT WAY, SUPERMAN--WHEN HE STOLE MY FORM HE DUPLICATED MY MEMORIES!
WHAT EITHER ONE OF US SAYS DOESN'T MEAN A BLASTED THING!
NOT TRUE! I'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT WHICH IS THE REAL GREEN LANTERN!

YOU'D NEVER REVEAL YOUR SECRET IDENTITY IN FRONT OF A STRANGER--NOT EVEN AN ALIEN ONE!
WATCH IT, SUPERMAN-- BEHIND YOU!


KA-THOOOM!
BUT BEFORE THE MAN OF TOMORROW CAN TURN..
YOU ARE FAR TOO CLEVER FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, SUPERMAN--
--WHICH MAKES IT EVER MORE IMPERATIVE TO ACT NOW!

SPARK!
WHEW! LANTERN'S RING CERTAINLY PACKS A WALLOP!
IT'S SENT ME SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL!
HAVE TO REMEMBER THE RING IS AS STRONG AS THE WILL POWER FOCUSED THROUGH IT!
AND, WITH THAT ALIEN WEARING IT, CHANCES ARE IT COULD MUSTER ENOUGH POWER TO EVEN KILL ME!
THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT N'GON INTENDS DOING!
I WILL DESTROY YOU, DUPLICATE YOUR BODY AND POWER--
KRAK!
--THEN NOTHING, NOT EVEN THE ULTIMATE ONE, WILL STAND IN N'GON'S WAY!
--ONLY IF YOU CATCH ME, AND I DON'T PLAN ON LETTING THAT HAPPEN!
N'GON MAY HAVE INHERITED GREEN LANTERN'S RING, BUT HE ALSO INHERITED ITS ONE WEAKNESS!
PROBLEM IS, MY TELESCOPIC VISION CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE!
BUT THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME-- HOLD IT!
I WAS SEARCHING ACROSS HALF A GALAXY, AND I FAILED TO LOOK RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE--
--OR RATHER BEHIND MY BACK!
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I'D FORGOTTEN THE "S" INSIGNIA ON MY CAPE!
IT SHOULD PROVIDE JUST WHAT I NEED!
LANTERN'S DOUBLE IS COMING IN FAST, BUT I'M READY FOR HIM NOW!
YOU'VE STOPPED YOUR FRUITLESS FLEEING! THEN YOU'VE ACCEPTED YOUR DESTINED DEFEAT!
PREPARE YOURSELF, SUPERMAN! PREPARE TO DIE!
THAT'S NOT QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND, N'GON!
WHAT?! YOU DEFLECTED THE RING'S BEAM? BUT NOW--?
CURSE THE SUNS! I'D FORGOTTEN THE RING IS POWERLESS AGAINST ANYTHING YELLOW!
WOK!
THAT'S RIGHT, PAL, YOU'RE POWERLESS, BUT I'M NOT!
SO, WHY DON'T YOU JUST THROW DOWN THAT RING AND SURRENDER BEFORE I FIND MYSELF GETTING VERY MAD!
OUR BATTLE IS NOT YET OVER, SUPERMAN!
AS LONG AS I WEAR THIS RING, YOU CAN'T HOPE TO BLOCK ALL MY ATTACKS!
TROUBLE IS HE'S RIGHT! THAT RING HAS THE POWER TO SNUFF OUT THE SUN--!
EVEN IF HE GETS IN ONE GOOD BLAST, I MAY BE DONE FOR!
TO STOP HIM, I'VE GOT TO MOVE FASTER THAN I'VE EVER HAD TO BEFORE!
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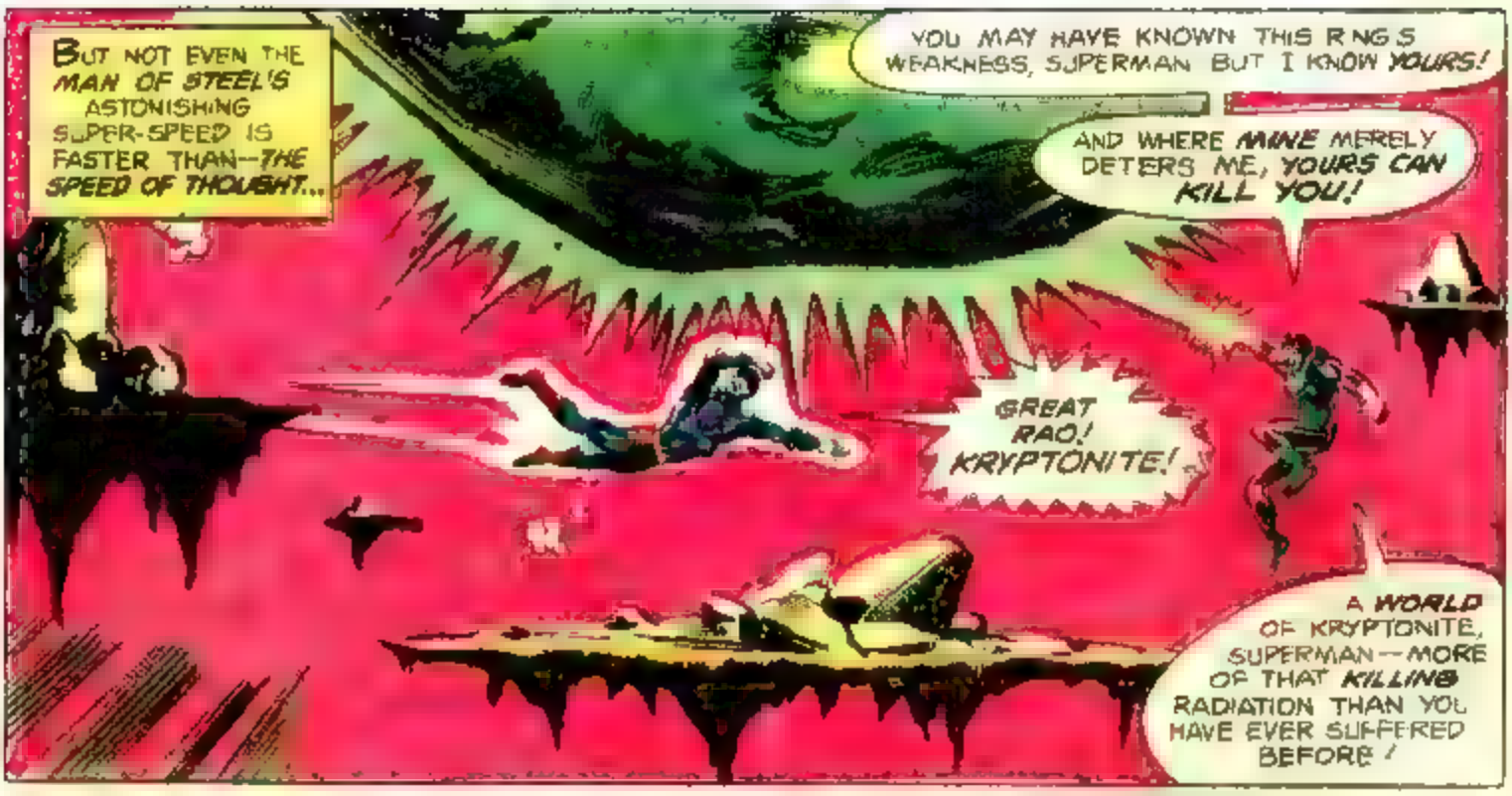
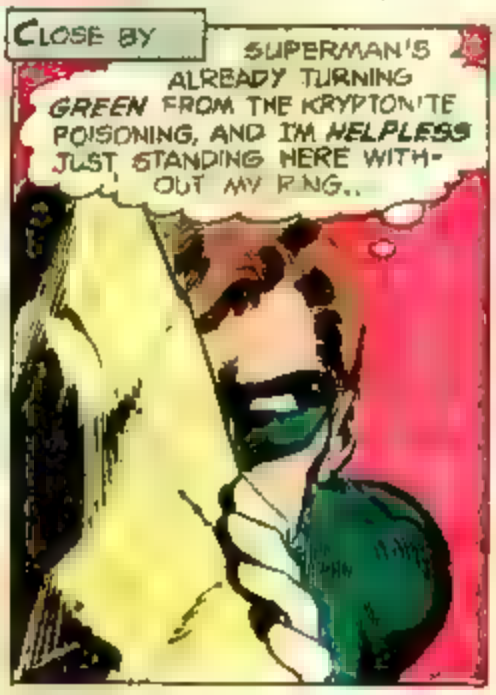

BUT NOT EVEN THE MAN OF STEEL'S ASTONISHING SUPER-SPEED IS FASTER THAN—THE SPEED OF THOUGHT...
YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN THIS RING'S WEAKNESS, SUPERMAN BUT I KNOW YOURS!
AND WHERE MINE MERELY DETERS ME, YOURS CAN KILL YOU!
GREAT RAO! KRYPTONITE!
A WORLD OF KRYPTONITE, SUPERMAN—MORE OF THAT KILLING RADIATION THAN YOU HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE!

SLOWLY, IT WILL INSINUATE ITS POISONS THROUGH YOUR PREVIOUSLY INVULNERABLE FLESH--
-AND THEN WHEN YOU CAN DO NOTHING MORE-- YOU WILL DIE!


CLOSE BY
SUPERMAN'S ALREADY TURNING GREEN FROM THE KRYPTONITE POISONING, AND I'M HELPLESS JUST STANDING HERE WITHOUT MY RING..

HELPLESS? NO-- JUST POWERLESS! BEING WITHOUT MY RING DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T DO SOMETHING!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET N'GON JUST CALLOUSLY MURDER SUPERMAN--

BUT LET'S SEE HOW YOU FARE AGAINST A COMMON ROCK!
LOOK AT ME, SUPERMAN, MY DEATH-STARE ONCE MORE WELLS UP WITHIN ME... MY POWER IS NOW READY TO REACH OUT AND DESTROY!!
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STORY CONTINUES AFTER SPECIAL INSERT

LOOK AT ME, YOU KRYPTONIAN CLOWN --
AARGH
THOK
UNHH...
I THINK YOU'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING -- SUPERMAN ISN'T ALONE!
HE MAY AS WELL BE, TERRAN!
WITHOUT YOUR RING -- YOU ARE INCAPABLE OF DOING A THING!
NOT QUITE TRUE N'GON! LANTERN DISTRACTED YOU, AND WITHOUT YOUR WILL POWER FORMING THE KRYPTONITE, IT JUST FADED AWAY!
Y-YOU?!
THAT'S RIGHT...THE ONE YOU SAID WAS AS GOOD AS DEAD!
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SAID IT--
--I CERTAINLY DON'T BELIEVE IT NOW!
SHOOOOOOOAMM
I GUESS THAT'S THAT!
YOU'RE WRONG, SUPERMAN -- YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN!
AS LONG AS HE WEARS MY RING, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY PROTECT HIM FROM HARM!
HE SHOULD BE ROCKETING BACK HERE ANY SECOND!
N'GON KNOWS HE CAN'T WIN. HE'D BE A FOOL TO--
WELL, HE NEVER SAID HE WAS BRIGHT, DID HE? LOOK!
I APOLOGIZE, LANTERN YOU WERE RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT, N'GON, WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO KEEP YOU DOWN?
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MORE THAN YOU CAN MUSTER, SUPERMAN!
WATCH OUT FOR HIS EYES! WHEN THEY GLOW, HE'S READY TO ATTACK!
I'VE NOTICED THAT! JUST STAND BEHIND ME!
VERY NOBLE, SUPERMAN-- BUT MISTAKEN!
MY DEATH-STARE CAN DESTROY YOU BOTH WHERE YOU STAND!
ONLY IF YOU GET THE CHANCE TO USE IT--
--AND FRANKLY, YOU'RE NOT GETTING IT!
WITH THE BURNING FORCE OF A HUNDRED BLAZING SUNS, SUPERMAN'S INCREDIBLE HEAT VISION LASHES OUTWARD--
- BUT EVEN AS N'GON'S STOLEN RING AUTOMATICALLY FORMS A LIFE-SAVING SHIELD AROUND HIM...
I'VE TAKEN ABOUT AS MUCH OF THIS NONSENSE AS I'M WILLING TO!
WE'RE GETTING OFF THIS WORLD RIGHT NOW!
THIS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH INTO SPACE!
YOU DARE--
YOU MAY HAVE LANTERN'S RING TO PROTECT YOU, BUT I'VE GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING CALLED SUPER-STRENGTH!
SO LET'S SEE HOW POWERFUL THAT RING REALLY IS!
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SKARN
YOU REALLY DID IT? YOU'RE THAT STRONG?
THEY DON'T CALL ME SUPERMAN FOR NOTHING!
WHEN I PUT THAT MUCH POWER INTO ONE OF MY PUNCHES NOTHING MUCH CAN WITHSTAND IT!
-NOT EVEN LITTLE GREEN TRINKETS LIKE THIS!
MY RING?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT BACK!
AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO USE IT!
N'GON, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR OTHER SELF FROM NOW ON--

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BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'LL EVER BE LEAVING THIS TIMELESS DIMENSION!
SAY PAL, WHY THE LONG FACE? WE STOPPED N'GON, GOT BACK MY POWER RING..
STILL, BEFORE I WAS YANKED HERE, I WAS ABOUT TO SAVE A FALLING MAN!
I WAS SO CLOSE...I COULD ALMOST TOUCH HIM! THEN...
THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT!
MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE EMERALD PRISON CARRIES N'GON INTO AN ETERNAL ORBIT...
WE'RE IN A TIME DIMENSION ...ONE THAT MOVES AT A DIFFERENT RATE THAN OUR OWN!
C'MON, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND...
THIS DIMENSION MOVES MORE SLOWLY THAN OURS ..SO ALL I HAD TO DO WAS PINPOINT THE PRECISE MOMENT YOU WERE PLUCKED FROM OUR TIME
..AND SIMPLY ARRANGE FOR US TO REAPPEAR THERE A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER!
WHUMP!
SEE? THE OLD RING HAS ITS USES AFTER ALL!
LANTERN, I NEVER DOUBTED THAT FOR ONE MOMENT!
NEXT! SUPERMAN AND THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER!

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WHERE DO DREAMS END AND NIGHTMARES BEGIN?
AT 1:00 P.M., THIS NEW YORK STREET WAS A BUSTLING THOROUGHFARE OF LUNCHTIME SHOPPERS AND HAWKING VENDORS, A MILLION DIFFERENT PEDESTRIANS AND A MILLION DIFFERENT DREAMS...
NOW, TEN MINUTES LATER, THE STREET IS ALL BUT EMPTY THE POLICEMEN WHO CROUCH CAUTIOUSLY BEHIND CARS AND VANS HAVE NO TIME FOR DREAMS...
FOR, THIRTY STORIES ABOVE, A NIGHTMARE HAS BEGUN!
I HEARD YOUR POLICE CALL, OFFICER. WHAT'S THE SCOOP?
FIVE TERRORISTS ARE HOLDING A S.T.A.R.* SCIENTIST AND HIS NEW SOLAR REACTOR CAPTIVE..
STAR
COSTANZO'S
PI
*Scientific and Technological Advanced Research. --Len
DON'T TELL ME! THEY SAY THEY'LL DETONATE IT IF THEIR DEMANDS AREN'T MET, RIGHT?
OH THE HEAD, ROBIN. THEY'RE DEMANDING ALL THE MEMBERS OF THEIR FREEDOM RESISTANCE LEAGUE BE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN ONE HOUR!
SIXTY MINUTES? MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME.. I HAVE AN IDEA!
GOOD LUCK, LAD-- YOU'LL NEED IT!
BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE TEEN WONDER DASH FORWARD THAN..
UNNGHHH...
G-SOMETHING'S WRONG.. I FEEL STRANGE.. AWFULLY DIZZY...
ROBIN--? ROBIN!?!
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ROBIN--I DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUH? THAT VOICE--!!
YOU!
WONDER GIRL? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
STOP FOOLING AROUND, ROB WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE TITANS MEETING.
TITANS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT ABOUT THE TERROR-- HUH?
EVERYTHING'S GONE-- WHERE DID S.T.A.R. LABS DISAPPEAR TO?
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? YOU LOOKED SORT OF DIZZY THERE FOR A SECOND.
AND THE DAY YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE TITANS' TOWER...
TITANS! WHAT? I--I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY, ROBBIE!
SAY, WHO'S THE JERK WHO CALLED THIS LITTLE SHINDIG TOGETHER ANYWAY?
I HAD THE CUTEST STEWARDESS READY AND RARIN' TO GO--
I TELL YA, ROBBIE-- THERE'S JUST NO JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD!
--THEN THE STUPID TITANS' ALARM HADDA GO AND RUIN EVERYTHING!
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SPECIAL TEEN TITANS PREVIEW

I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO ASK--BUT IS THAT YOU, BEAST BOY?
BEAST BOY? YOU BURN OUT YOUR BRAINS? YOU KNOW I'M NOW CALLED THE CHANGELING!
YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED YOURSELF THE JERK! IT FITS YOU BETTER!
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, BATBOY? YOUR SHORTS TOO TIGHT OR SOMETHING?
ROBBIE'S PLAYING GAMES, CYBORG. HE'S PRETENDING HE DOESN'T REMEMBER US
IN YOUR CASE, THAT'S PROBABLY JUST WISH FULFILLMENT!
DON'T LET THEM BOTHER YOU, ROBIN. I STILL LOVE YOU!
THIS PLANET WOULD STILL SEEM STRANGE TO ME IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU!
A GOLDEN GIRL? WHO--?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER STARFIRE? MAN, YOU DEFINITELY GOT A LOOSE SCREW!
STARFIRE? CYBORG? A NEW TITANS? NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE.
THE TITANS DISBANDED MONTHS AGO! THE ONLY ONES HERE I KNOW ARE WONDER GIRL AND BEAST BOY!
LOOK, IT'S CHANGELING! DO I HAFTA PAINT IT ON MY FOREHEAD?
BEAST BOY WAS NOWHERE! CHANGELING HAS GOT STYLE! RHYTHM! PIZZAZZ!
KRUNK
HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE, GUYS. I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCHOOL TEST!
KID FLASH? THANK GOODNESS! SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW!
MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROBIN?
ROBBIE'S GONE BANANAS, FLASHER.
S-SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG WITH ME...
IT'S AS IF I'VE BLACKED OUT PART OF MY LIFE!

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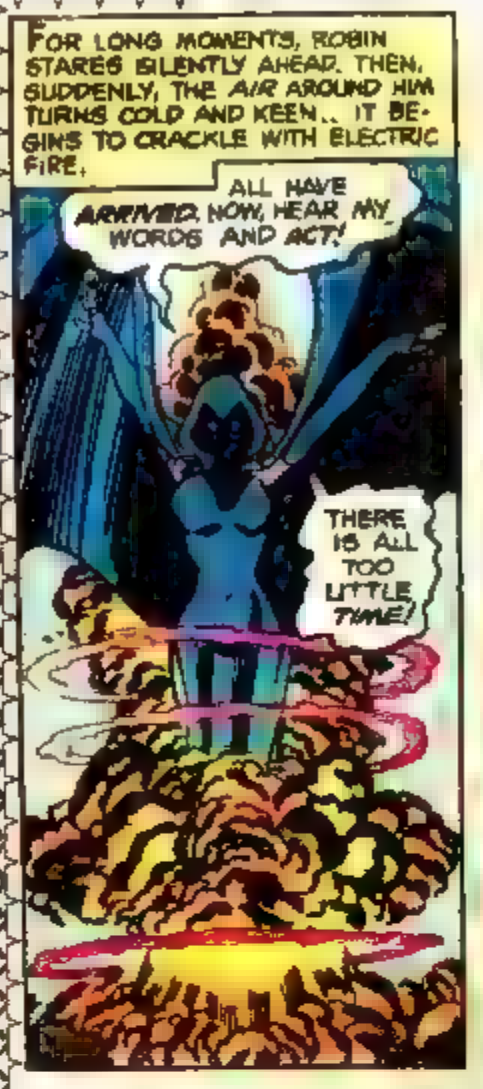
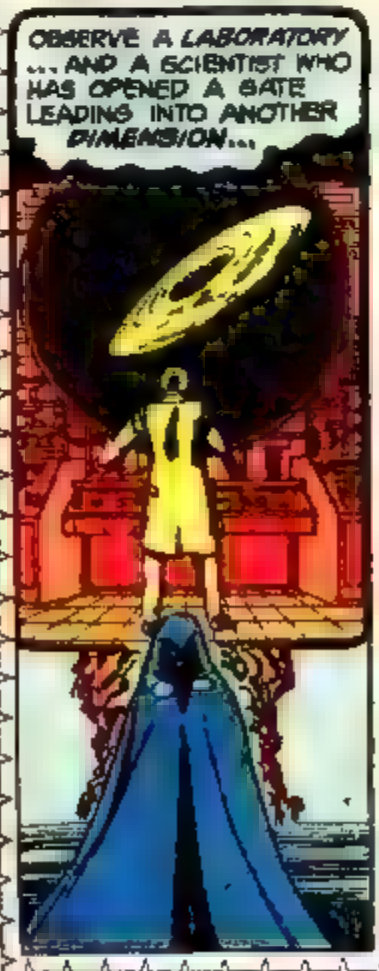

FOR LONG MOMENTS, ROBIN STARES SILENTLY AHEAD. THEN, SUDDENLY, THE AIR AROUND HIM TURNS COLD AND KEEN... IT BEGINS TO CRACKLE WITH ELECTRIC FIRE.
ALL HAVE ARRIVED. NOW, HEAR MY WORDS AND ACT!
THERE IS ALL TOO LITTLE TIME!

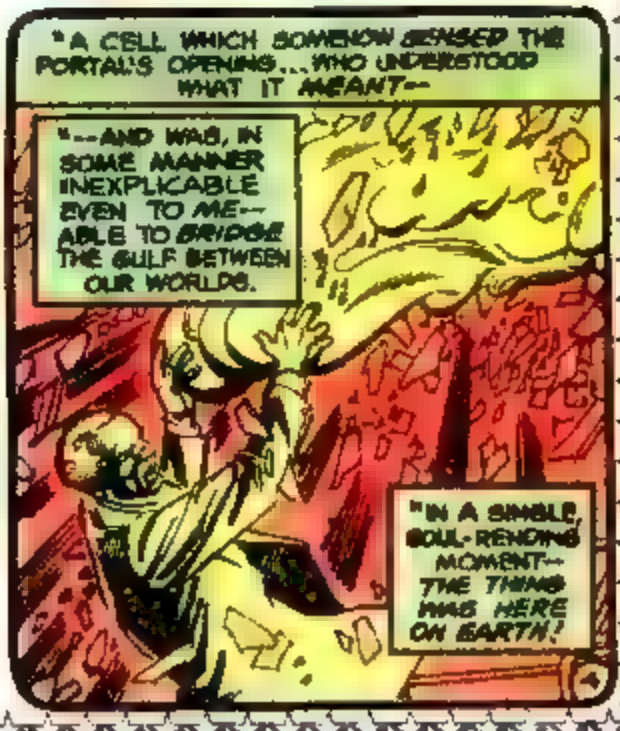
YOU'VE NEVER SOUNDED SO URGENT BEFORE, RAVEN. WHAT IS IT?
DON'T PUSH HER, STARFIRE! SHE'LL GET TO IT!
DANGER LURKS IN THE CITY OF MEN...

AS THE GIRL CALLED RAVEN SPEAKS, IN EACH TITAN'S MIND, A CLEAR IMAGE IS FORMED...



UNBELIEVABLE! I'VE PEELED AWAY THE LAYERS SURROUNDING OUR UNIVERSE... AND I'VE DISCOVERED ANOTHER UNIVERSE BEYOND!
NOW... IF I CAN REACH INTO THAT HOLE I'VE OPENED... EXPLORE THAT OTHER REALM...

"INDEED, THE HAPLESS SCIENTIST OPENED A PORTAL INTO A DIMENSION WHERE ALL LIFE EXISTED IN THE FORM OF A SINGLE PROTOPLASMIC CELL!..
"A CELL THAT CONTAINED MASS... INTELLIGENCE ...AND PURPOSE.


"A CELL WHICH SOMEHOW SENSED THE PORTAL'S OPENING...WHO UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANT--
"--AND WAS, IN SOME MANNER INEXPLICABLE EVEN TO ME-- ABLE TO BRIDGE THE GULF BETWEEN OUR WORLDS.
"IN A SINGLE, SOUL-RENDING MOMENT-- THE THING WAS HERE ON EARTH!

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IT MUST BE RETURNED TO ITS DIMENSION IMMEDIATELY!
FOR, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE HERE ON EARTH, IT IS ALTERING OUR ATMOSPHERE --FROM OXYGEN TO METHANE!
METHANE? THAT'LL KILL EVERYONE!
CAN WE STOP IT?
PROBABLY NOT! BUT WHAT'S OUR ALTERNATIVE?
LET'S GO!

BUT IF THERE'S TROUBLE-- NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP ME FROM HELPING!!
SIX TEENAGERS RACE FROM THEIR ISLAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF NEW YORK'S EAST RIVER--

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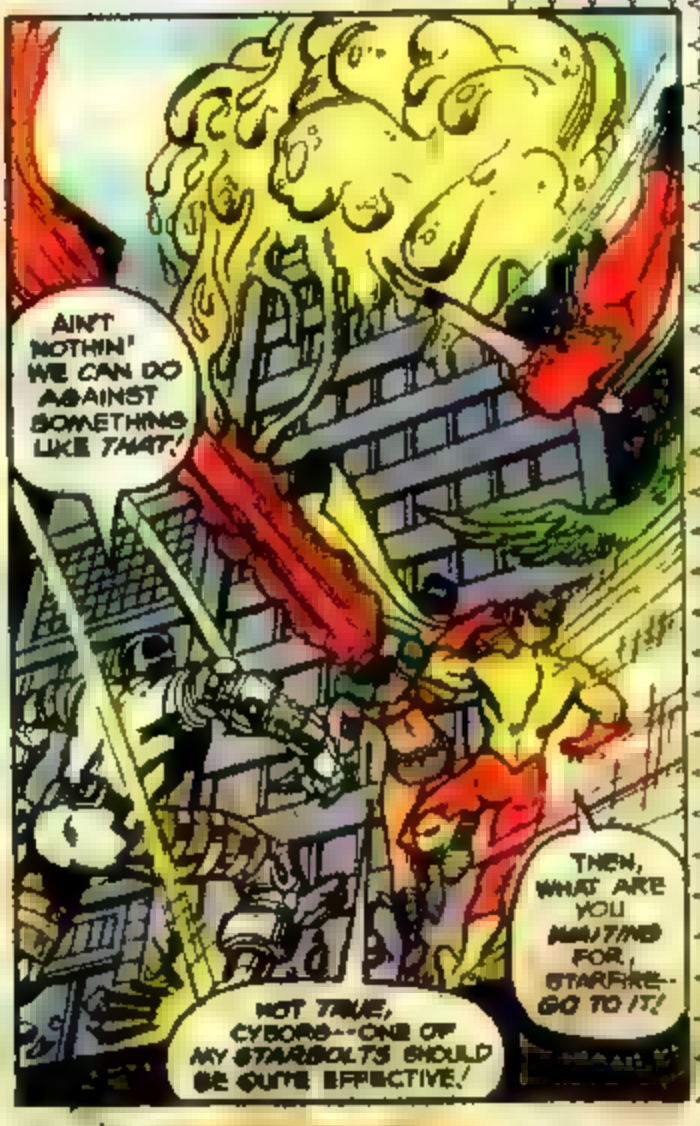
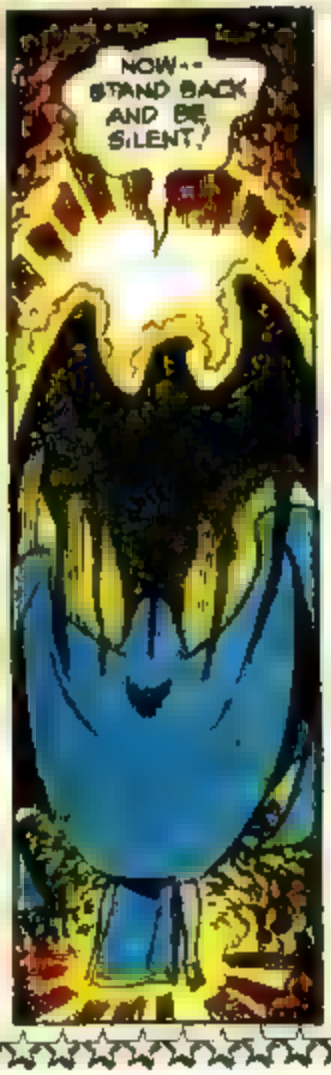
--AND, LESS THAN TWO MINUTES LATER, [illegible] THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN THE THROES OF A *NIGHTMARE* COME TO LIFE ..

GREAT HERA! IT'S LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.
HOLY HANKIES! RAVEN WAS RIGHT!
IF THAT ISN'T A *YEECHOID* FROM OUTER SPACE, I'M *JIMMY CARTER!*


AIN'T NOTHIN' WE CAN DO AGAINST SOMETHING LIKE *THAT!*
THEN, WHAT ARE YOU *WAITING* FOR, STARFIRE-- GO TO IT!
NOT TRUE, CYBORG--ONE OF MY *STARBOLTS* SHOULD BE QUITE EFFECTIVE!

NO ONE ATTACKS UNTIL I HAVE INVESTIGATED!
RAVEN--? YOU'RE GOING TO USE YOUR *ASTRAL FORM*--?
CORRECT, MY ALIEN FRIEND-- *MY SOUL SELF* SHALL SEEK OUT OUR FOE'S WEAKNESSES.



RAVEN'S LITHE BODY IS *STILL* AS AN EBONY AURA RISES FROM HER VERY *SOUL*...

LIKE A DARK BIRD OF PREY, HER ASTRAL IMAGE SOARS SKYWARD, *CONTROLLED* BY RAVEN'S GRIM THOUGHTS...

IT CIRCLES THE PROTOPLASMIC CELL WHICH SUDDENLY *REACTS* TO ITS PRESENCE--
--BY UNLEASHING AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING *TENDRIL* THAT GRABS THE SOUL IMAGE AND HOLDS IT *FAST!*

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AND, THIRTY STORIES BELOW, A VELVETINE-CLAD WOMAN SLUMPS WEAKLY TO THE GROUND...
WHAT IS IT, RAVEN? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
...MY SOUL CAPTURED. CANNOT ESCAPE... HURRY...
YOU MUST FREE IT... WITHOUT IT'S SOUL, MY BODY CANNOT LONG SURVIVE...
...AND THEN THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IS TOO TERRIBLE TO CONCEIVE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW BUT, SO HELP ME, RAVEN--
--ONE WAY OR ANOTHER I WILL SAVE YOU...
...OR ONE IN THIS TRYING!
INCREDIBLE! IT'S ABSORBING MY STARBOLTS! THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!
MAYBE YOU CAN'T STOP IT, STARFY--BUT I STILL GOT MY OWN BAGS OF TRICKS!
ANY ONE OF 'EM SHOULD KNOCK THAT JELLO-REJECT RIGHT BACK WHERE IT CAME FROM!
ONE TITAN HOVERS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH FOUR OTHERS CLOSE IN TO ATTACK. BUT, WHAT OF ROBIN...?
ONE MOMENT I'M GOING AFTER TERRORISTS, THE NEXT I'M TAKING ON A SPECIAL EFFECT FROM THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK!
WHEN THIS IS OVER WITH, I WANT ANSWERS--
--AND I'LL GET THEM EVEN IF I HAVE TO TAKE ALL THOSE OTHER TITANS APART!
HUH? SUDDENLY... MY HEAD... POUNDING GETTING DIZZY...
EVERYTHING GOING BLACK.
ALAN? WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM--?
ROBIN?
YOU WERE STUMBLING... RIGHT INTO THE PATH OF A BULLET. I HAD TO KNOCK YOU DOWN.
...KNOCK ME DOWN... I'M BACK IN NEW YORK?
SWEET HEAVEN... WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

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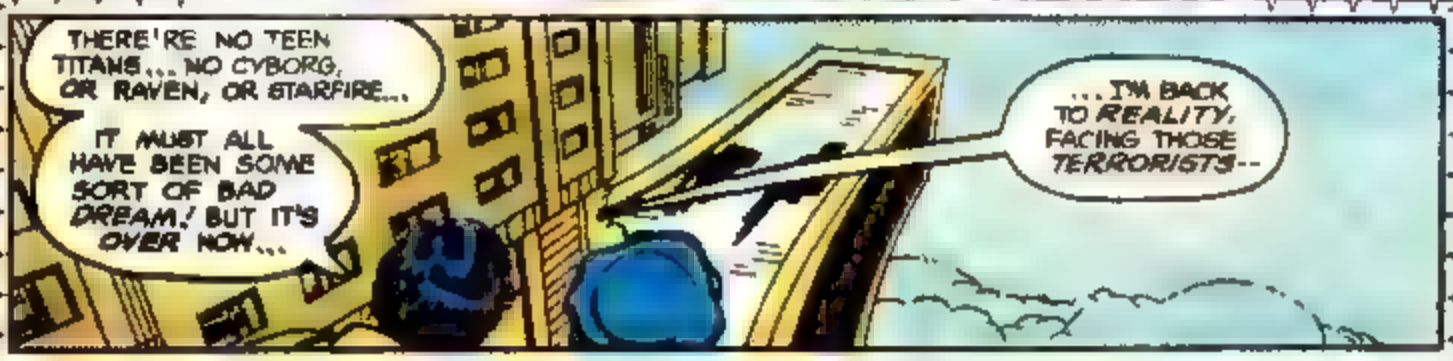
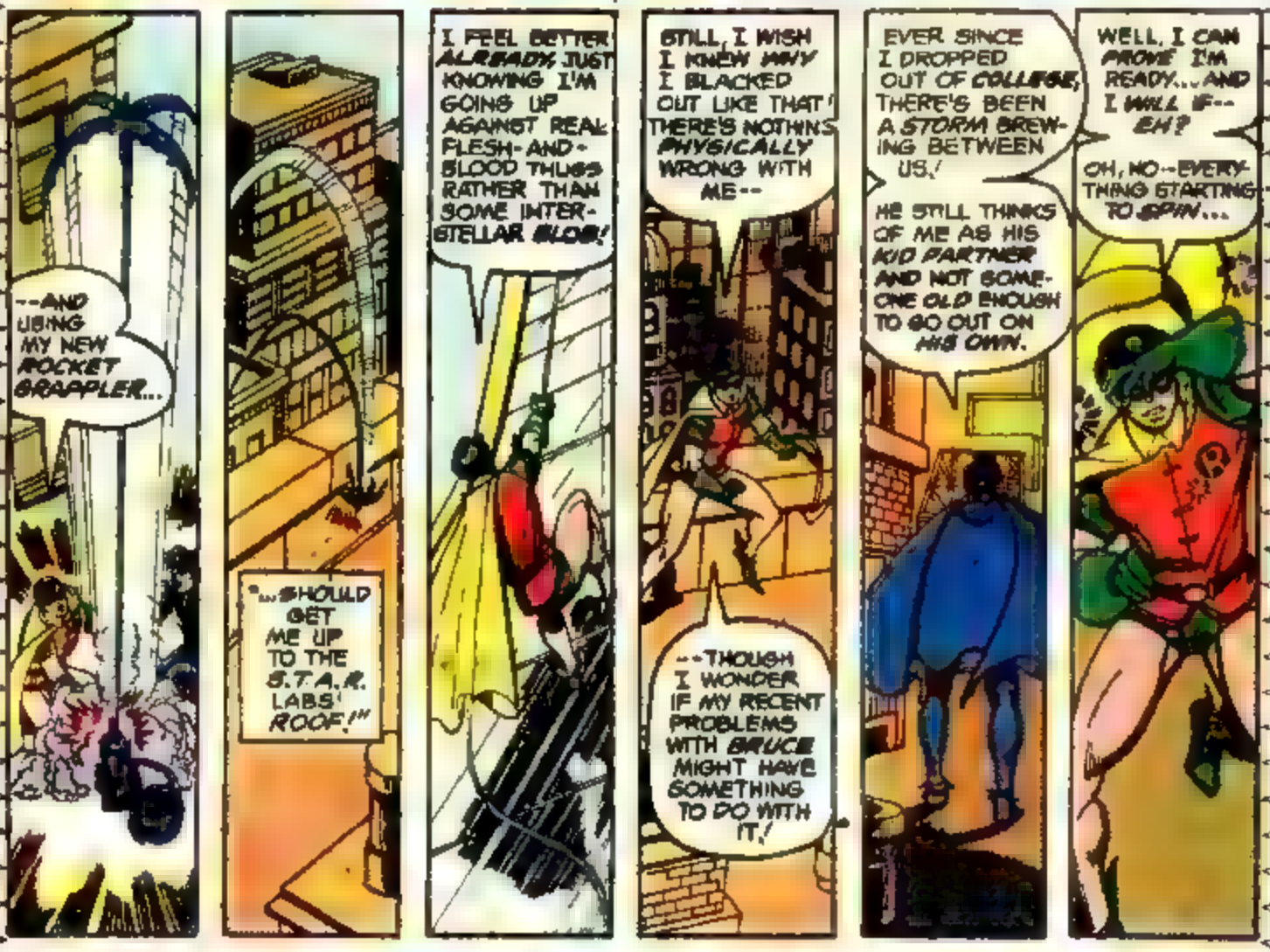
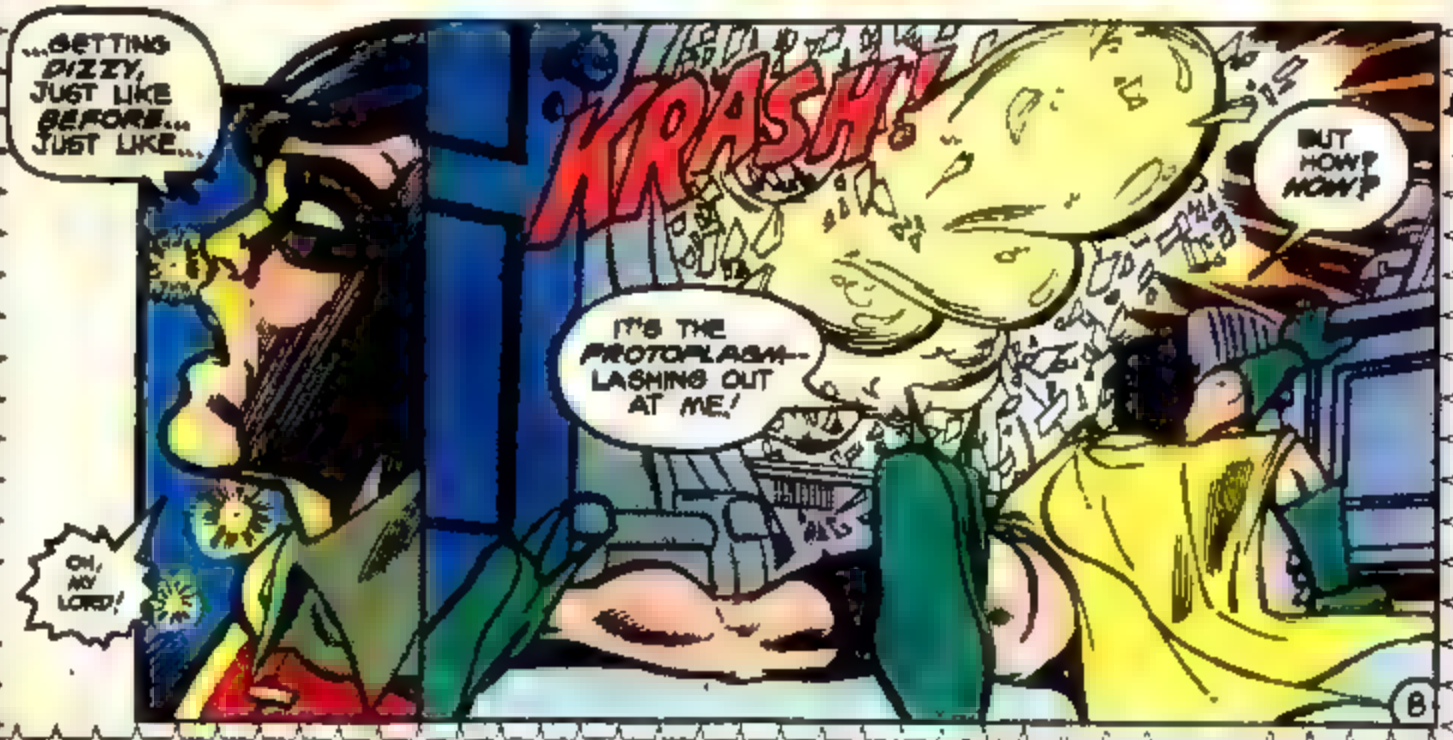

THERE'RE NO TEEN TITANS... NO CYBORG, OR RAVEN, OR STARFIRE...
IT MUST ALL HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF BAD DREAM! BUT IT'S OVER NOW...
...I'M BACK TO REALITY, FACING THOSE TERRORISTS--


--AND USING MY NEW ROCKET GRAPPLER...
"...SHOULD GET ME UP TO THE S.T.A.R. LABS' ROOF!"
I FEEL BETTER ALREADY! JUST KNOWING I'M GOING UP AGAINST REAL FLESH-AND-BLOOD THUGS RATHER THAN SOME INTER-STELLAR BLOB!
STILL, I WISH I KNEW WHY I BLACKED OUT LIKE THAT! THERE'S NOTHING PHYSICALLY WRONG WITH ME--
--THOUGH I WONDER IF MY RECENT PROBLEMS WITH BRUCE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!
EVER SINCE I DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE, THERE'S BEEN A STORM BREWING BETWEEN US!
HE STILL THINKS OF ME AS HIS KID PARTNER AND NOT SOMEONE OLD ENOUGH TO GO OUT ON HIS OWN.
WELL, I CAN PROVE I'M READY... AND I WILL IF-- EH?
OH, NO--EVERYTHING STARTING TO SPIN...



C'MON, GANG-- MOVE IT! THAT BLOB IS STILL HOLDING RAVEN!
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
WE ALL KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, KID FLASH-- BUT THAT THING JUST SHAKES OFF WHATEVER WE THROW AT IT!
NOT EVEN MY GOLDEN LASSO CAN HOLD IT! IT JUST OOZES RIGHT THROUGH!
SUDDENLY...
GREAT HERA! ELECTRICITY COURSING UP THROUGH THE LASSO--!
STOP IT, STARFIRE! ITS SHOOTING YOUR BEAMS BACK AT ME!
ZKRAKK!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME TO SAVE THE DAY!
IF I'M NOT BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES, WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY!
BEAST BOY... I MEAN, CHANGELING -- HE'S TURNED HIMSELF INTO A BEAR!
BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE SHAPE-SHIFTING TEEN ENTER THE PROTOPLASMIC BLOB THAN...
WHATEVER THAT THING IS -- IT'S FORCING HIM BACK INTO HIS GAR LOGAN FORM!
GET BACK, ALL'A YOU! I GOT THE ANSWER RIGHT HERE!
SOON'S I PLUG THESE TRANSPONDERS INTO MY ROBOT-SHELL--
-- I'M GONNA SHOW THIS HUNK 'A GUNK WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FACE A GUY WHO'S HALF MAN, HALF ROBOT--
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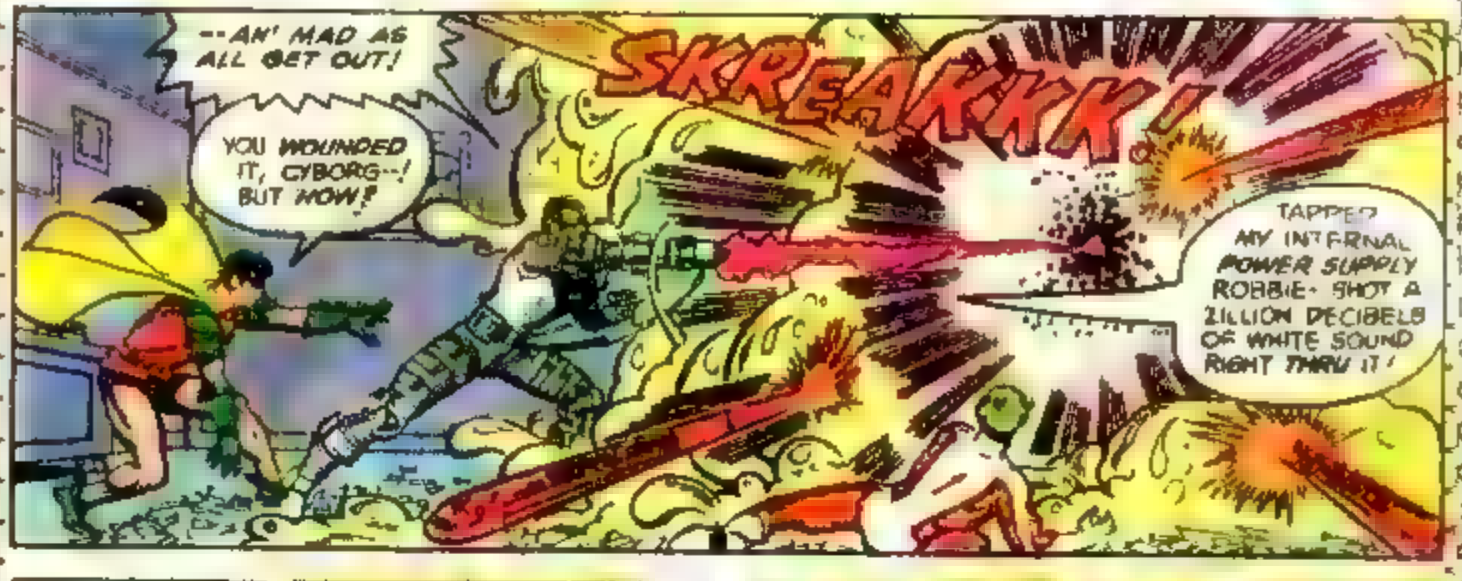
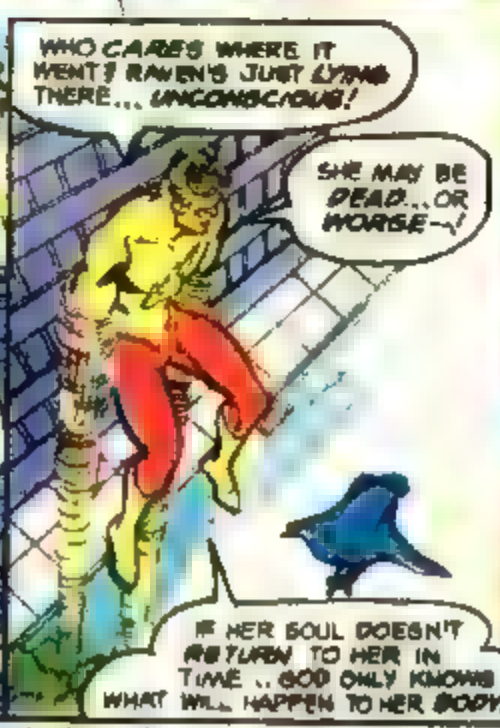

--AN' MAD AS ALL GET OUT!
YOU WOUNDED IT, CYBORG--! BUT HOW!
SKREAKKK!
TAPPED MY INTERNAL POWER SUPPLY ROBBIE- SHOT A ZILLION DECIBELS OF WHITE SOUND RIGHT THRU IT!

ONLY I CAN'T KEEP IT UP MUCH LONGER! WE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' TO FINISH IT OFF--AN' FAST!

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...
CYBORG WEAKENED IT--IT'S UP TO US TO COMPLETE THE JOB! WE'VE GOT TO FREE RAVEN!
KID FLASH--DON'T! DON'T YOU SEE IT STARTING TO QUIVER?
IT'S ABOUT TO--

SHWAMM!
IT'S ATTACKING US--THROWING OFF ENDLESS WAVES OF ENERGY...
--TOO MUCH TO ABSORB INTO MY OWN SYSTEM!

BUT, AN INSTANT LATER...
HUH? WHERE DID IT GO?
STARFIRE, I WISH I KNEW!


WHO CARES WHERE IT WENT? RAVEN'S JUST LYING THERE... UNCONSCIOUS!
SHE MAY BE DEAD...OR WORSE--!
IF HER SOUL DOESN'T RETURN TO HER IN TIME .. GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HER BODY!

BUT ALL AT ONCE, DARKNESS SEEMS TO DRAPE THE MYSTERIOUS YOUNG WOMAN WHOSE POWER IS AS MUCH AN ENIGMA AS RAVEN IS HERSELF...
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THEN, SUDDENLY SHE RISES, AND IN A VOICE AS CHILLING AS A DRIVING ARCTIC WIND...
WHY DO YOU STAND HERE? THE CREATURE HAS ESCAPED --
--AND WE MUST FIND IT WITHOUT DELAY!
RAVEN? RAVEN!
RAVEN'S DISAPPEARED AGAIN... AND KID FLASH LOOKS LIKE HE JUST SWALLOWED HIS LAST PIECE OF GUM!
FLASHER'S A JERK! THAT WITCH IS EVEN LESS HUMAN THAN I AM!
BUT STILL, RAVEN IS RIGHT-- WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT THING--AND I THINK I KNOW WHERE!
YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?
POSITIVE! WE WOUNDED THAT CREATURE! I'M BETTING HE'LL RETURN TO THE LABORATORY WHERE HE FIRST APPEARED!
S.T.A.R.? I HAD A HUNCH I WOULDN'T LIKE THIS!
S.T.A.R.
SECONDS LATER INSIDE THE S.T.A.R. LABS...
OBOY! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS!
IT'S LIKE A HURRICANE TORE THROUGH THIS LAB! WHAT A MESS!
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN MY ROOM ON A FRIDAY NIGHT, HUH?
SOMETHIN' TOLD ME IT WOULD BE THIS LAB. YOU'D BETTER COUNT ME OUT ON THIS ONE, TITANS!
I'M CUTTIN' OUT OF HERE AS OF RIGHT NOW!

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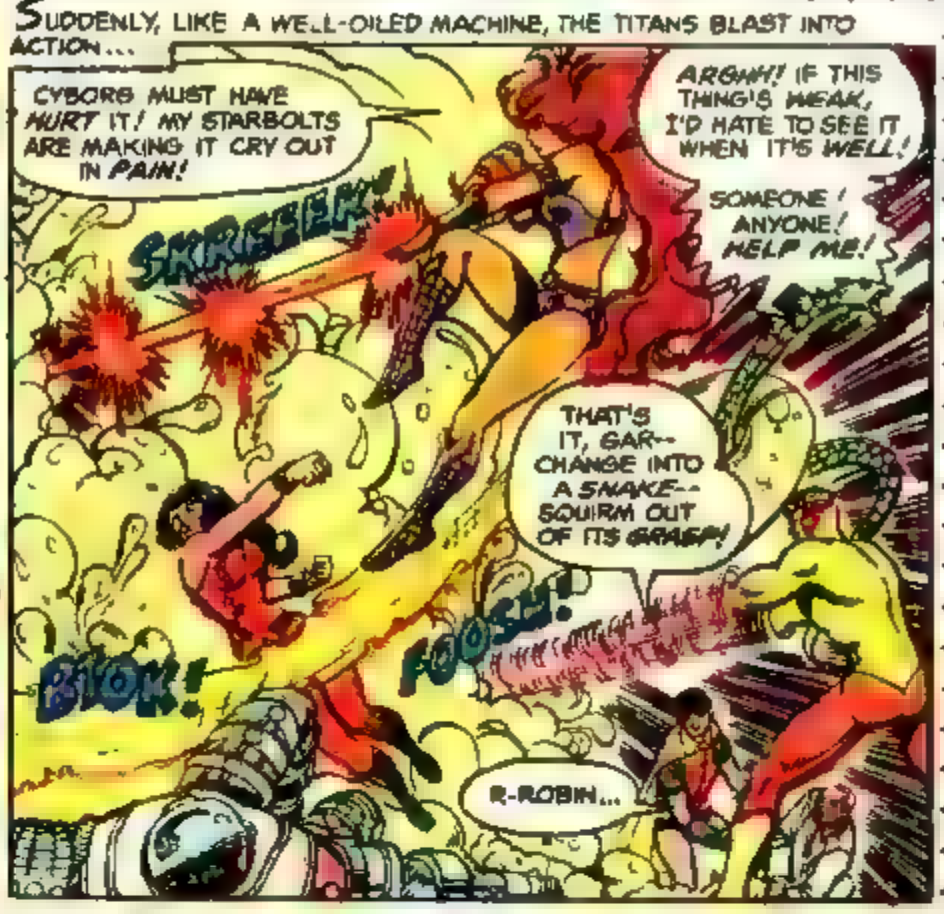
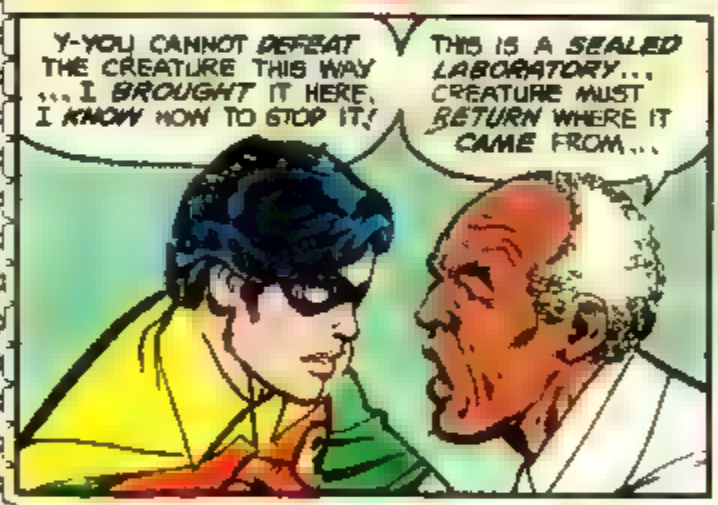
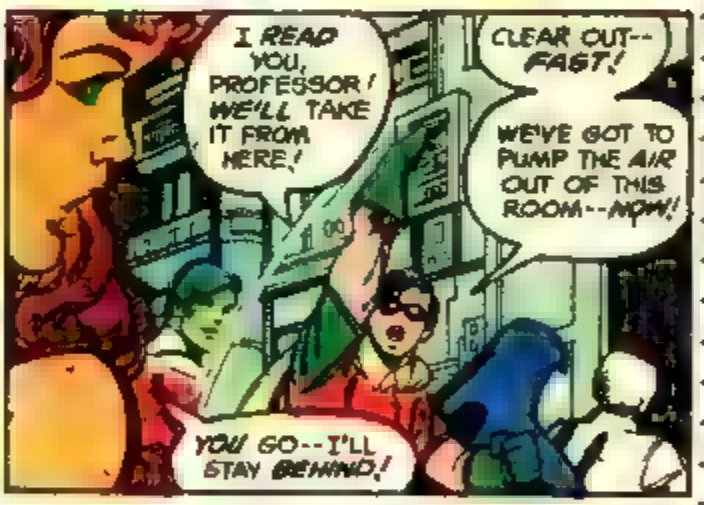

SUDDENLY, LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE, THE TITANS BLAST INTO ACTION...
CYBORG MUST HAVE HURT IT! MY STARBOLTS ARE MAKING IT CRY OUT IN PAIN!
ARGHH! IF THIS THING'S WEAK, I'D HATE TO SEE IT WHEN IT'S WELL!
SKREEEK!
SOMEONE! ANYONE! HELP ME!
THAT'S IT, GAR-- CHANGE INTO A SNAKE-- SQUIRM OUT OF ITS GRASP!
BLOK!
FOOSH!
R-ROBIN...


Y-YOU CANNOT DEFEAT THE CREATURE THIS WAY ... I BROUGHT IT HERE, I KNOW HOW TO STOP IT!
THIS IS A SEALED LABORATORY... CREATURE MUST RETURN WHERE IT CAME FROM...


I READ YOU, PROFESSOR! WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!
CLEAR OUT-- FAST!
WE'VE GOT TO PUMP THE AIR OUT OF THIS ROOM--NOW!
YOU GO--I'LL STAY BEHIND!

I DON'T NEED OXYGEN TO BREATHE-- AND YOU'LL NEED SOMEONE TO FORCE THIS THING BACK THROUGH THE HOLE!
BUT--?
TRUST ME, ROBIN--YOU KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO CAN DO THIS!
NOW MOVE IT, TITANS--GO!!

IF EVERYONE IS OUT HERE-- WE CAN SEAL THE ROOM...
... DRAW OUT THE OXYGEN... AND THUS PREVENT THE CREATURE FROM CONVERTING IT INTO METHANE!

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...AND THEN PRAY YOUR TEAMMATE CAN DO AS HE SAYS!
KRIK
ROBIN! THE BEAST IS GOING WILD! IT'S FIRING METHANE CLOUDS--
IT MUST REALIZE IT CAN NO LONGER SURVIVE HERE ON EARTH!
STARFIRE - EDGE IT TOWARD THE COMPUTER...TRY TO FORCE IT BACK THROUGH THE RIP IN SPACE!
OKAY, IT'S IN THE HOLE... NOW WHAT?
BLAST THE COMPUTER! THAT WILL SEAL THE RIFT! DO IT NOW --NOW!
SKR
AKK
FAST ENOUGH, ROBIN!
SHE DID IT.. THE CREATURE'S GONE!
THANK THE LORD! IF IT HAD REMAINED FREE MUCH LONGER...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT... I BROUGHT IT HERE WITHOUT THINKING!
IT WAS MY DREAM TO PROBE ANOTHER DIMENSION... A DREAM THAT TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE!
YOU'RE ALWAYS FOULING UP, OLD MAN... DESTROYING EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER TOUCHED!
YOU SCREWED UP THIS EXPERIMENT... SCREWED UP WHEN YOU BUILT THIS BLASTED CYBORG SUIT I WEAR!
YOU SHOULD'A LEFT ME THE WAY I WAS... LEAST I'D BE DEAD BY NOW INSTEAD OF TRAPPED INSIDE THIS MECHANICAL BODY!
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, OLD MAN-- NEVER AGAIN!
CYBORG--!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
THAT MAN... THE ONE YOU CALL CYBORG...
HEAVEN HELP ME, LAD--BUT HE'S MY SON!
ROBIN...?
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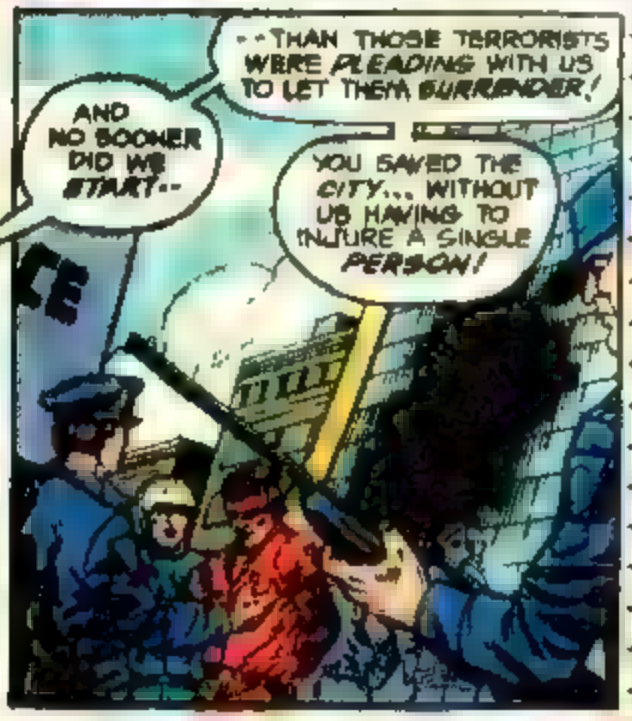
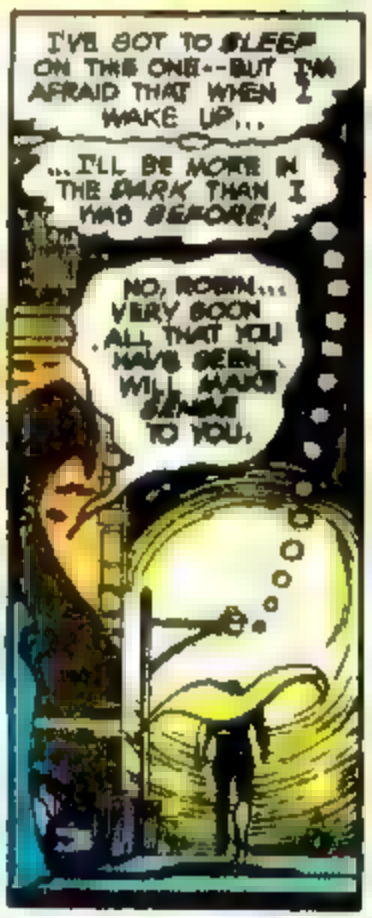
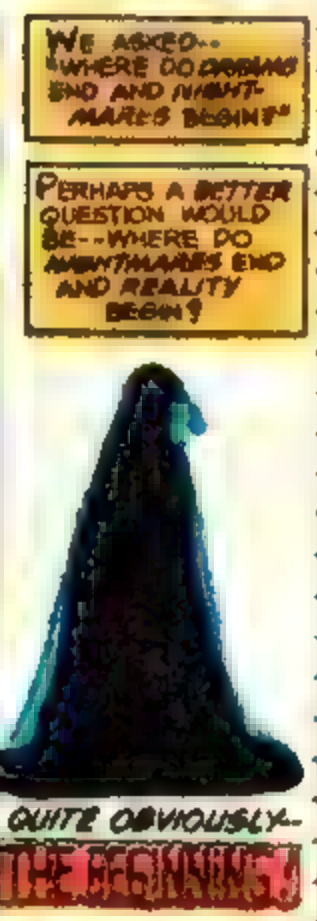

--THAN THOSE TERRORISTS WERE PLEADING WITH US TO LET THEM SURRENDER!
AND NO SOONER DID WE START--
YOU SAVED THE CITY... WITHOUT US HAVING TO INJURE A SINGLE PERSON!

IT WAS MY DREAM TO MAKE THAT REACTOR THE NEW POWER SOURCE TO HELP HUMANITY--
--BUT THOSE VICIOUS MEN-- THEY TOOK MY DREAM... CORRUPTED IT...TURNED IT INTO A HORRIBLE TERRIB..E... ...NIGHTMARE!

SHORTLY...
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WAS I HAVING NIGHTMARES?
BUT IF I WAS-- HOW COULD THAT SCIENTIST--A MAN I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE-- HAVE BEEN IN MY DREAMS? HOW?


I'VE GOT TO SLEEP ON THIS ONE--BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WHEN I WAKE UP...
...I'LL BE MORE IN THE DARK THAN I WAS BEFORE!
NO, ROBIN... VERY SOON ALL THAT YOU HAVE SEEN WILL MAKE SENSE TO YOU.

FOR THIS WAS NO DREAM THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED... THE NEW TEEN TITANS ARE NO FIGMENT OF YOUR IMAGINATION!
INDEED, ROBIN--THEY EXIST, THEY ARE YOUR FUTURE--
--A FUTURE THAT LOOMS EVER AND EVER CLOSER!


WE ASKED-- "WHERE DO DREAMS END AND NIGHTMARES BEGIN?"
PERHAPS A BETTER QUESTION WOULD BE--WHERE DO NIGHTMARES END AND REALITY BEGIN?
QUITE OBVIOUSLY--
THE BEGINNING!

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NOW THAT YOU'VE *SAMPLED* THE ACTION, GET READY FOR THE *MAIN EVENT!*

THE SUPER-GROUP THAT YOU DEMANDED IS BACK IN ALL-NEW ADVENTURES!
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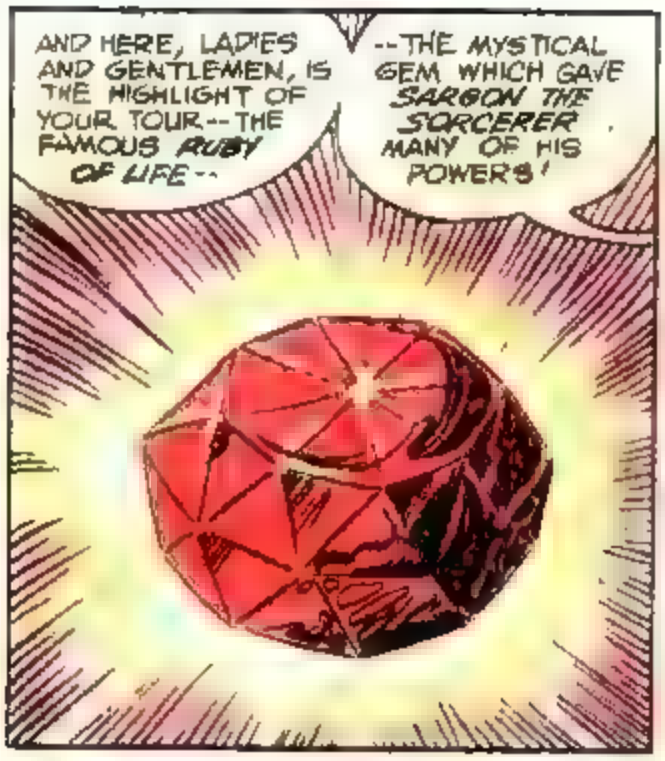
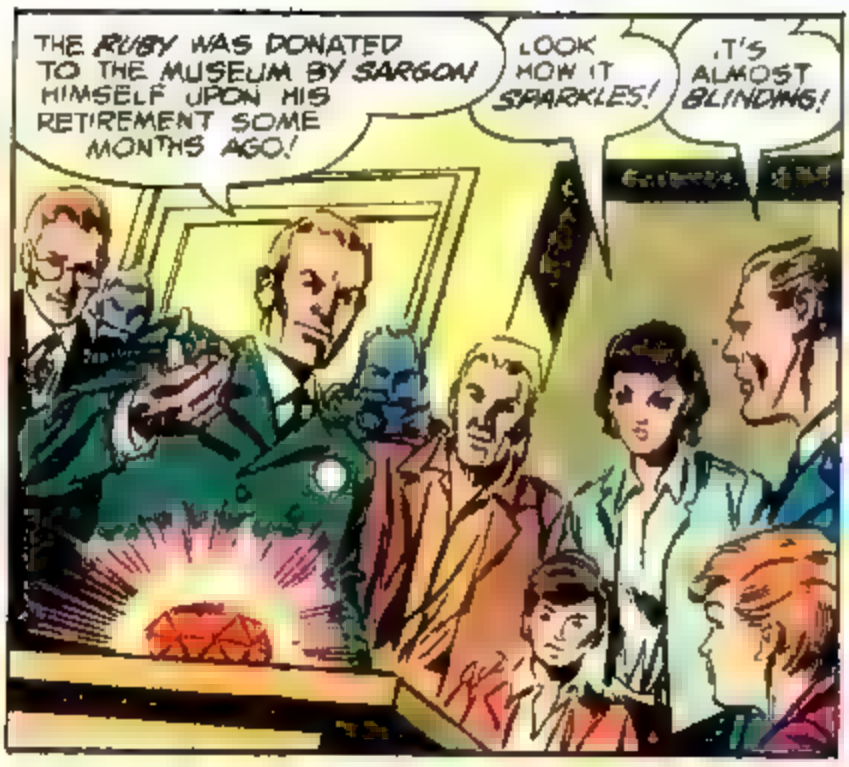

AND HERE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR TOUR--THE FAMOUS RUBY OF LIFE--
--THE MYSTICAL GEM WHICH GAVE SARGON THE SORCERER MANY OF HIS POWERS!


THE RUBY WAS DONATED TO THE MUSEUM BY SARGON HIMSELF UPON HIS RETIREMENT SOME MONTHS AGO!
LOOK HOW IT SPARKLES!
IT'S ALMOST BLINDING!

IT IS SAID THAT SARGON COULD USE THE RUBY TO CONTROL ANYTHING THE GEM TOUCHED... AND HE SO UTILIZED IT FOR YEARS ALL OVER THE WORLD!
WHILE MOST SUPER-HEROES WERE STILL YOUNGSTERS, JOHN SARGENT BEGAN HIS CAREER FIGHTING EVIL ANYWHERE IT EMERGED, USING HIS MAGICAL POWERS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. NOW...
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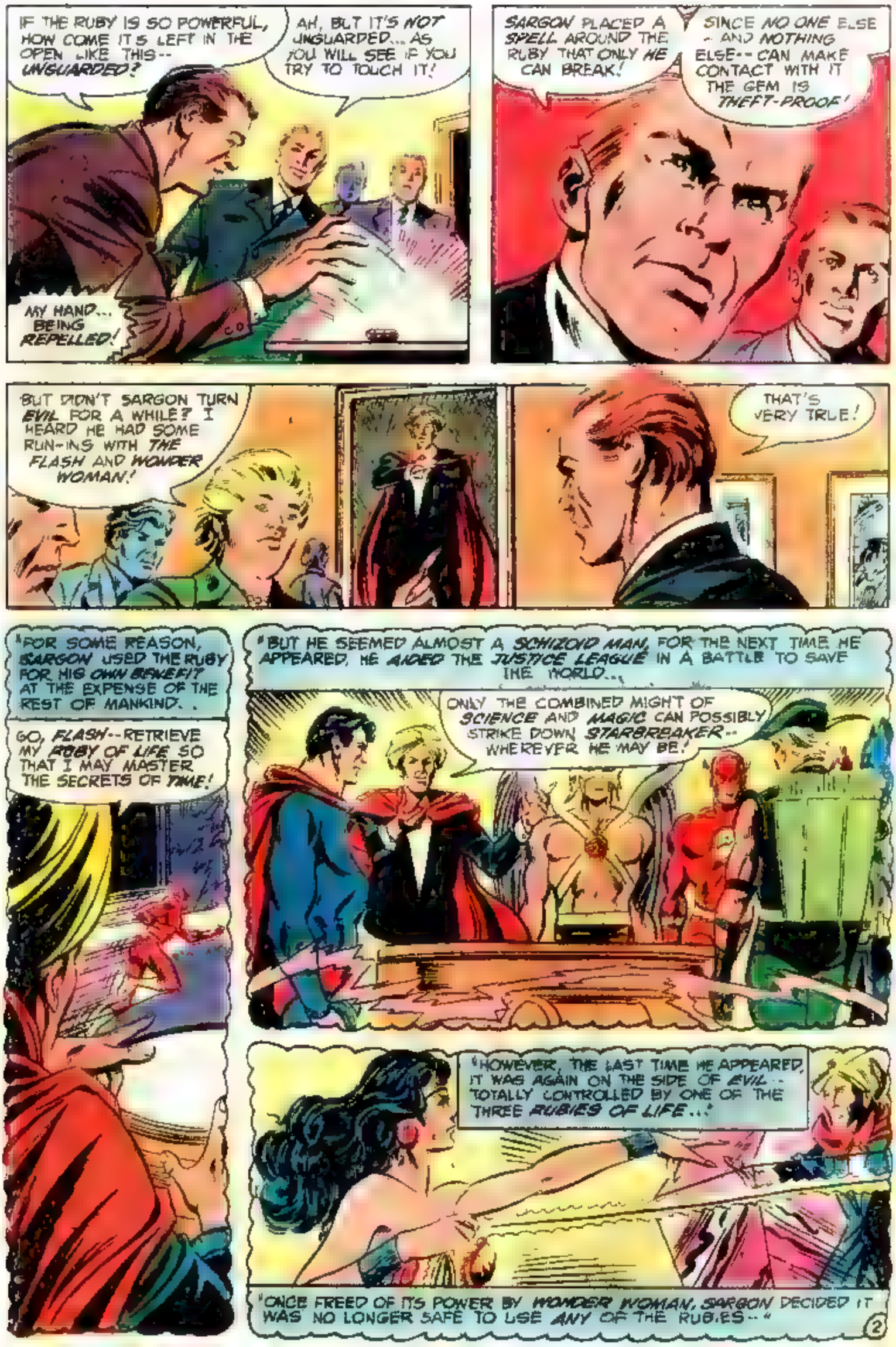
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO
SARGON
THE SORCERER


IF THE RUBY IS SO POWERFUL, HOW COME IT'S LEFT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS-- UNGUARDED?
AH, BUT IT'S NOT UNGUARDED... AS YOU WILL SEE IF YOU TRY TO TOUCH IT!
MY HAND... BEING REPELLED!
SARGON PLACED A SPELL AROUND THE RUBY THAT ONLY HE CAN BREAK!
SINCE NO ONE ELSE - AND NOTHING ELSE-- CAN MAKE CONTACT WITH IT THE GEM IS THEFT-PROOF!
BUT DIDN'T SARGON TURN EVIL FOR A WHILE? I HEARD HE HAD SOME RUN-INS WITH THE FLASH AND WONDER WOMAN!
THAT'S VERY TRUE!
"FOR SOME REASON, SARGON USED THE RUBY FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REST OF MANKIND. .
GO, FLASH--RETRIEVE MY RUBY OF LIFE SO THAT I MAY MASTER THE SECRETS OF TIME!
"BUT HE SEEMED ALMOST A SCHIZOID MAN, FOR THE NEXT TIME HE APPEARED, HE AIDED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IN A BATTLE TO SAVE THE WORLD...
ONLY THE COMBINED MIGHT OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC CAN POSSIBLY STRIKE DOWN STARBREAKER-- WHEREVER HE MAY BE!
"HOWEVER, THE LAST TIME HE APPEARED, IT WAS AGAIN ON THE SIDE OF EVIL -- TOTALLY CONTROLLED BY ONE OF THE THREE RUBIES OF LIFE..."
"ONCE FREED OF ITS POWER BY WONDER WOMAN, SARGON DECIDED IT WAS NO LONGER SAFE TO USE ANY OF THE RUBIES--"
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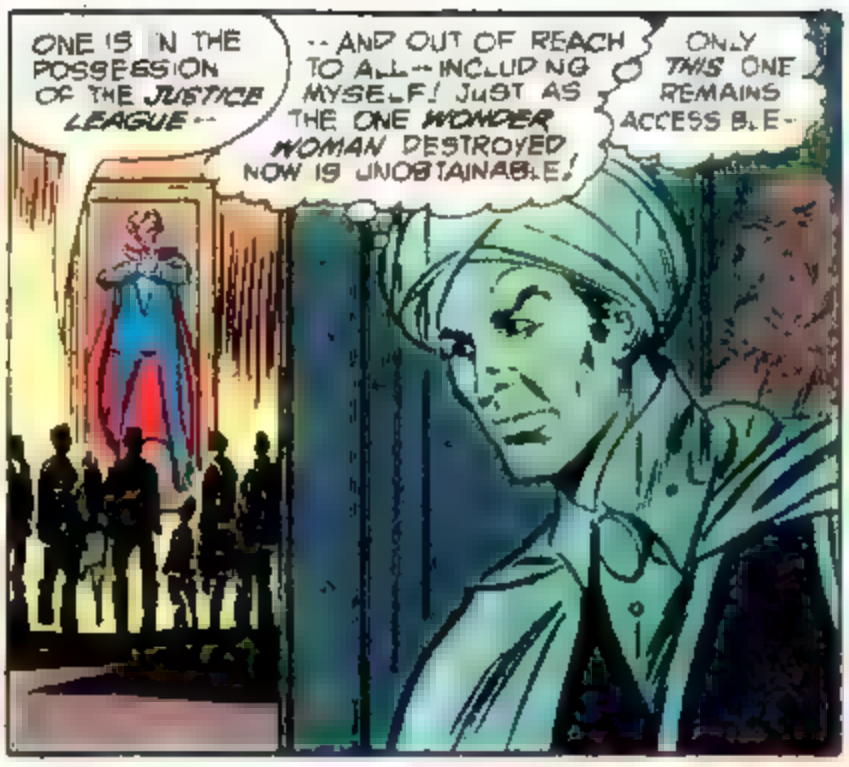
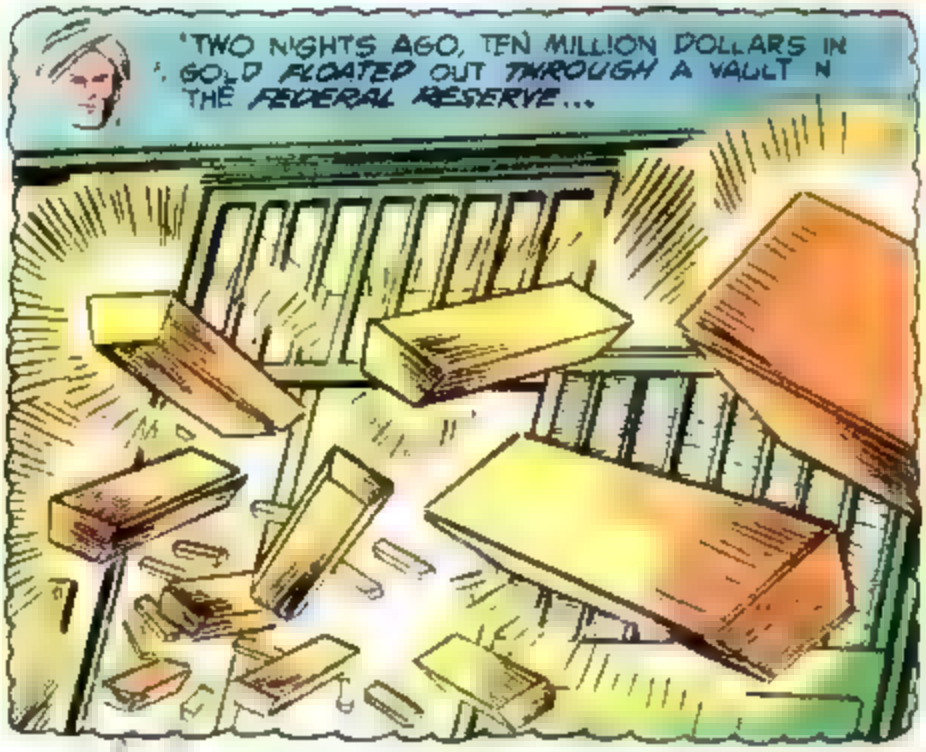
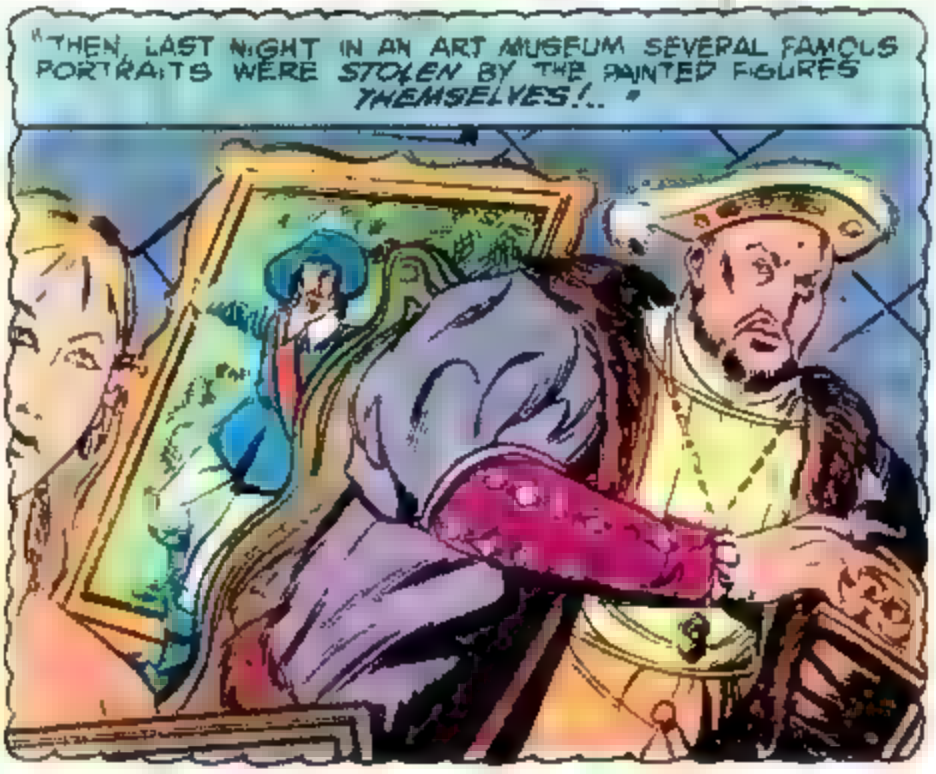
--AND SO HE RETIRED!
YOU SAID THERE WERE THREE RUBIES! WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?


ONE IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--
--AND OUT OF REACH TO ALL--INCLUDING MYSELF! JUST AS THE ONE WONDER WOMAN DESTROYED NOW IS UNOBTAINABLE!
ONLY THIS ONE REMAINS ACCESSIBLE--

AND SO I WONDER AFTER WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING RECENTLY WHETHER I HAVE TRULY RETIRED!


"TWO NIGHTS AGO, TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD FLOATED OUT THROUGH A VAULT IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE...


"THEN, LAST NIGHT IN AN ART MUSEUM SEVERAL FAMOUS PORTRAITS WERE STOLEN BY THE PAINTED FIGURES THEMSELVES!.."

I'M AFRAID MY EVIL SELF IS SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE THEFTS--
SINCE ONLY THE RUBY OF LIFE COULD PERFORM SUCH MAGIC!
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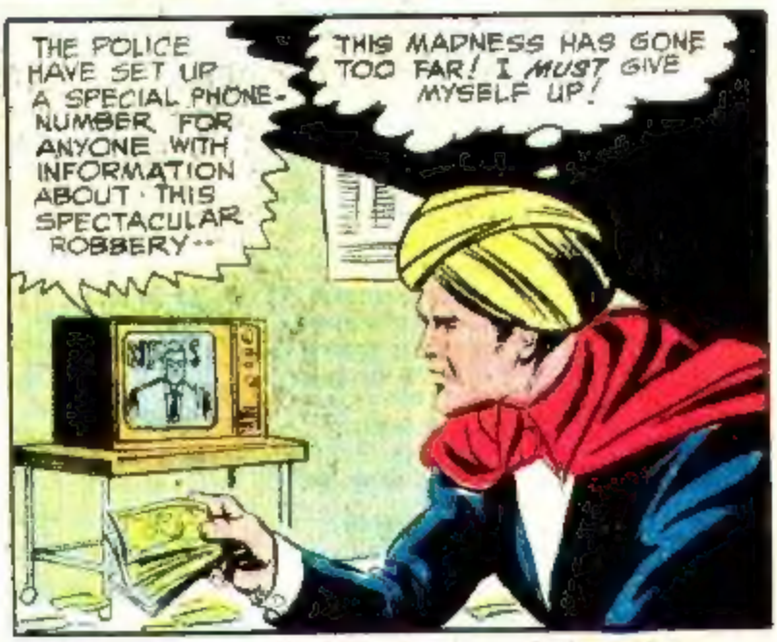
TIME TICKS AWAY, ON AND ON— AND AFTER THE MUSEUM CLOSES...
EVEN WITHOUT THE RUBY, I CAN STILL PERFORM SOME BASIC MAGIC--LIKE MAKING MYSELF INVISIBLE TILL AFTER HOURS!
I'VE PLACED A SPELL UPON MYSELF SO THAT, WITH THE RUBY THIS CLOSE, I'LL KNOW IF I AM TRULY A JEKYLL-HYDE UNDER ITS CONTROL!
BUT, AS THE MASTER MYSTIC STANDS GUARD ON HIMSELF
OOOF!
HA-HA-HA!
DAWN BRINGS A PAINFUL AWAKENING FOR SARGON... AND ONE QUITE [illegible]ING--
BY THE MYSTICS! HOW DID I EVER GET--
--HOME?!?
SARGON FOILS BLUE LAMA
CITY HONORS SARGON
SARGON AIDS JUSTICE LEAGUE
WH-WHERE DID ALL THIS MONEY COME FROM?
HAVE I AGAIN BEEN "POSSESSED" BY MY GEM?

...THAT THE VAULT DOOR OF FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS HAD BEEN CHANGED TO BUTTER! THE PERPETRATOR THEN SLICED HIS WAY INTO THE VAULT AND STRIPPED IT OF ITS CONTENTS -- SOME $350,000 IN CASH!


THE POLICE HAVE SET UP A SPECIAL PHONE-NUMBER FOR ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SPECTACULAR ROBBERY--
THIS MADNESS HAS GONE TOO FAR! I MUST GIVE MYSELF UP!

AND SO, AS EVENING COMES AND THE MUSEUM-HOME OF THE RUBY OF LIFE IS AGAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC...
BY THE MAGICS OF THE MASTERS OF KLARI--
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--LET THE MYSTIC BARRIERS PART!
RUBY OF FIRE
ONCE MORE, THE RUBY IS IN MY CONTROL! NOW TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS--
KPHOOOOM
HAHAHAHA
AT LAST--THE RUBY IS MINE! COMBINED WITH THE POWER OF MY MENTACHEM ROD, I SHALL BE ALL-POWERFUL! NO ONE WILL DARE CHALLENGE...
... THE MATTER MASTER!
HANDS OFF THAT RUBY!
EH--?!?
S-SARSON!? WHAT MANNER OF TRICK IS THIS?!?
NO TRICK, VILLAIN! TRUE MAGIC!

JUST AS YOUR POWER ANIMATED THE PAINTINGS IN THE ART MUSEUM--AND USED THE PAINTING OF MYSELF TO FELL ME LAST NIGHT--
--I HAVE USED THAT SELFSAME PORTRAIT TO DEFEAT YOU!
NOW RETURN, PAINTED SARGON! I HAVE NO FURTHER NEED FOR YOU!
WITHOUT HIS RUBY TO AID HIM, HE IS HELPLESS AGAINST ME!
YOU THINK TO FOIL ME WITH SUCH AN ELEMENTARY MAGIC TRICK?
MY CONTROL OVER ALL MATTER IS ABSOLUTE!
OBSERVE--AS I SUMMON A SUIT OF ARMOR TO PIERCE YOUR HEART!
I summon all the powers of the night, to halt the attack of this soulless knight!
NOW YOU OBSERVE, MATTER MASTER! WE ARE AT A STALEMATE!
RRRRATTLLLL
KRASSSHHH
ONLY SO LONG AS YOU SPEAK YOUR SPELLS--WHICH YOU SHALL NO LONGER DO WHEN I GAG YOU WITH YOUR OWN TURBAN!
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NOW THERE IS NO WAY FOR YOU TO STOP ME FROM OBTAINING YOUR RUBY OF LIFE!
NO WAY--?
WITH A SNAP OF YOUR WAND, YOU ARE THOROUGHLY DEFEATED!
BUT HOW--?!?
SNAPP
NOTHING HAS BEEN AS IT APPEARED, MATTER MASTER! I SUSPECTED A TRAP FROM THE START-- AND PREPARED ACCORDINGLY!
YOU SCHEMED TO DELUDE ME INTO BELIEVING I WAS USING THE RUBY OF LIFE FOR CRIME IN ORDER TO MAKE ME RELEASE THE GEM FROM ITS MYSTIC CAPTIVITY!
GOOD AS THE PLAN SEEMED, IT WAS FLAWED!
I'LL MAKE YOU TELL ME WHAT I DID WRONG!
--SO YOU WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE?
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT THAT ACCOMMODATING!
SOK
MATTER MASTER USED HIS WAND TO TURN ONE BILL INTO THE THOUSANDS IN MY APARTMENT-- SO THAT HE COULD KEEP THE REST OF THE LOOT-- JUST AS HE KEPT THE STOLEN GOLD AND PAINTINGS!
BUT HE FORGOT THAT ALL THE SERIAL NUMBERS WOULD BE THE SAME! ONCE I SAW THE MONEY WASN'T REAL, I REALIZED THERE WAS AN OUTSIDER INVOLVED!
FORTUNATELY THE MATTER MASTER DIDN'T KNOW I RETAIN SOME MAGIC POWERS EVEN WITHOUT THE RUBY--
--AND DESPITE ALL APPEARANCES, IT HAS NEVER BEEN OUT OF ITS DISPLAY CASE!
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NEXT ISSUE: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CONGORILLA?

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